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Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Feb. 2

BAPTISTS' WORLD — Thirty-three million Baptists in 133 countries will be the object of meditation and prayers in churches throughout the world on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 2. V. Carney Hargroves, president of BWA 1970-75, is shown with David Y. K. Wong, a layman chairman of the BWA Men's Department. Hargroves is a Virginian and graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville. Wong, an architect of Hong Kong where this picture was made, is representative of the Alliance's emphasis on the training of laity for Christian outreach. (BP) Photo

Baptist Hospital Construction Said Ahead Of Schedule; Fall Date Seen

Construction on the new 600-bed Mississippi Baptist Hospital is "running just a little ahead of schedule," according to Zach T. Hederman of Jackson, president of the hospital's board of trustees.

Hederman said at the board's first meeting for 1975 that "it's quite possible now that the hospital will be open some time in October or November."

He expressed the belief that the expansion of the hospital into the larger building "will provide better hospitalization in the Jackson area and throughout this part of Mississippi."

Utilization of existing buildings with 400 additional beds will ultimately give the expanding hospital a total capacity of 1,000 beds, Hederman said in an interview preceding the meeting at the hospital.

Appointment of committee chairmen for 1975 was announced by Hederman following the meeting, including J. W. Underwood, Jackson, chairman of the board's executive committee; Henry Harris, West Point, committee on chaplaincy and devotional - and denominational relations; Paul G. Moak, Jackson, educational committee; Henry Holman Jr., Jackson, fundraising and finance; Rev. Vernon May, Louisville, committee on free services and discounts; John M. Mobley, Jackson, insurance; W. P. McMullan Jr., investments; and Hederman, professional and joint-conference committee.

Suicide To Be Subject Of Pastoral Seminar

The fifteenth annual Seminar of Pastoral Care of the Ill will be held Feb. 18, at the Baptist Hospital, according to an announcement by Paul J. Pryor, administrator. The theme focus will be "Ministry to the Suicidal Person."

Program personalities will include R. Jack Pollis, Ed. D., chaplain, East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian; A. J. Santangelo, M. D., Psychiatrist, chief of Psychiatric Section, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Ray L. Huff, Ph. D., clinical psychologist, director of Jackson Mental Health Center; J. Clark Hensley, Th. D., executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention; and Gordon Shamburger, chaplain, Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The seminar is jointly sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Hospital and the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Pastors of all faiths are invited to attend the seminar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tornado Relief

Churches and individuals desiring to make contributions for relief for tornado hit churches in Pike and adjacent counties, are invited to channel the gifts through the state Convention Board, according to announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the board.

Dr. Kelly stated that he is in close contact with the superintendent of missions of Pike County and with other pastors and leaders and that a careful survey is being made of the losses and needs of churches and pastors. Gifts received will be handled by committees which will see that the funds reach those in need.

Gifts should be sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, and should be marked "Tornado Relief."

'74 Missionaries Represent 31 States, Many Colleges

RICHMOND (BP) — Of the 250 persons appointed in 1974 as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, 95 were graduates of Baptist colleges and universities; and 110 were from other than Baptist schools, according to a report presented during January's meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The appointees came from 31 states, plus Washington, D. C., and Canada, according to Louis R. Cobbs, the board's secretary for missionary personnel. Leading the list were Texas with 65; Virginia with 15; and Georgia, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Tennessee, 13 each.

Of the new missionaries, 205 were college graduates. Baptist schools with the largest number of graduates appointed were Oklahoma Baptist University, with 12; Baylor University, with 11; Carson - Newman, Way-

land, and William Carey Colleges, with six each; and Mississippi College and Louisiana College, with five each.

Other than Baptist schools with the largest number of graduates appointed for missionary service were Texas Technological University and Kansas State University, each with six, and East Tennessee State University, with five.

Of the new missionaries, 124 mentioned their participation in Baptist student work, about 50 percent. Sixty-one were missionary graduates.

Cobbs reported that at the end of the year the board's personnel department was maintaining contact with approximately 2,500 persons. About 1,000 of these are high school and college students. The remaining 800 have completed their college work (Continued On Page 3)

At Oakhurst Church

State Evangelism Conference Meets Feb. 3-5 In Clarksdale

Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter of Santa Barbara, Calif., world traveled Bible lecturer, will conduct the Bible study during the 1975 Evangelism Conference, Feb. 3-5 at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale.

Dr. Baxter, who is a native of England, will speak at each of the five sessions.

Rev. Peter M. Lord, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies, will deliver a message on Tuesday afternoon and preach the final message on Wednesday morning.

Rev. Lord is pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Titusville, Fla. Other out-of-state speakers who will be program personalities for the Evangelism Conference are Dr. C. B. Hogue, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Hogue will speak Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning, and Dr.

Hultgren will speak Tuesday morning and Tuesday night.

Rev. Lord is a former Mississippi pastor, having held the pastorates at Sandy Hook and Antioch churches in Marion Association.

Six Mississippians will appear on the program. During the opening session on Monday night, Leon Young of Meridian, the director of missions in

Lauderdale Association, and Dr. Earl Kelly, the executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will speak. On Tuesday morning Rev. Ferrell Cork, pastor of First Church, Aberdeen, will deliver a message. Rev. Jerry Mixon, a full-time evangelist from Petal, will preach on Tuesday afternoon; and Dr. J. Roy McComb, pastor of First

Church, Pearl, will deliver a message on Tuesday night.

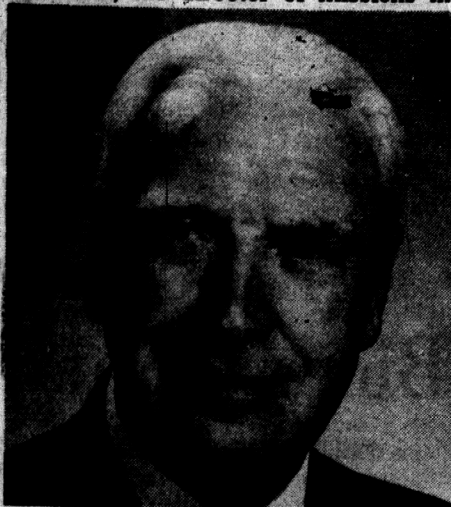
During the closing session on Wednesday morning James Keith, pastor of First Church, Laurel, will speak.

Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be in charge of the program. Dan Hall, director of the Music Department for the board, will be in charge of music.

Some 800 to 1,000 persons are expected to attend the day meetings at the Oakhurst Church, and larger crowds are expected for the evening sessions in the City Auditorium in Clarksdale.

Rev. Glenn Sullivan is pastor of Oakhurst Church, and the director of association missions for Riverside Association is Rev. Danny Prater.

Rev. Young is the president of the (Continued On Page 3)



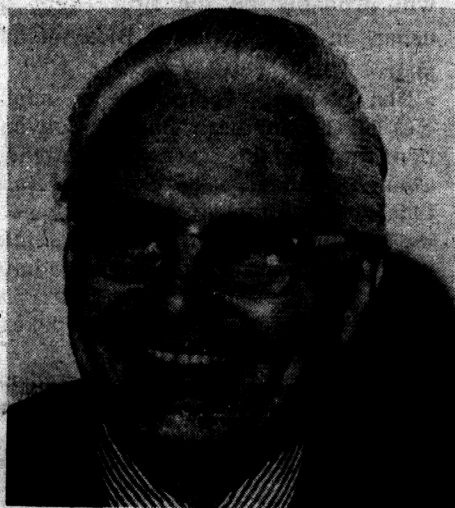
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Nationwide Witness Of Faith

Scoreboard Didn't Reflect Complete Impact Of Baylor Football Team

WACO — The impact of the Baylor University Bears' recent performance in the Cotton Bowl is being felt across the nation in ways no football scoreboard could record.

An editorial entitled "Prayer and Football" printed in the Jan. 4 issue of the Manchester, N. H., Union Leader commended Baylor, not for its football prowess, but for its "witness to the Christian faith (at the Cotton Bowl) before millions on millions of television viewers across the entire land."

In the editorial, William Loeb, publisher of the paper, wrote that "nev-

er before had such a large audience seen a football game open with prayer, including the Lord's Prayer, and with almost everyone participating.

Usual for Baylor

"This act of devotion and affirmation and belief," Loeb wrote, "was quite usual for the Baptists at Baylor, but it is not something that one generally sees on the football field or in the bowl games. As such, it must have been quite an eye-opener to a great many Americans to see that there are still people who believe in the Almighty and who are not ashamed to stand up before millions and to

affirm their faith.

"Equally interesting and equally dramatic," Loeb continued, "was the fact that after the game the defeated Baylor team knelt in prayer and, interestingly enough, was joined by a number of light uniforms of the Penn State players."

"These football players gave an example to the rest of the nation that might well be imitated. If followed it is very possible that some of the problems now facing the United States would be more easily solved."

"This newspaper," concluded the (Continued On Page 3)

50th Anniversary

Southern Baptists' Financing Plan Born In Atmosphere Of Adversity

By James Lee Young
For Baptist Press

The Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget began in 1925 in an atmosphere of adversity.

It was a trying time financially for Southern Baptists. The convention was heavily in debt in most phases of its work. Yet convention growth had created the need for a more equitable and efficient means of distributing mission and operating funds.

"That ours is a critical situation as a denomination all must admit."

Thus began a report from the Southern Baptist Convention's Future Program Commission on May 13, 1925, that was to signal the formal beginning of a new era of cooperation among Baptists affiliating with the SBC. This was the beginning of the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists.

The Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' basic unified budget is a plan through which some 34,665 churches channel gifts through 33 state conventions, which send a percentage on to the Executive Committee, SBC, for distribution to 18 SBC national agencies. The Sunday School Board and the Woman's Missionary

Union, do not receive Cooperative Program funds.

Before 1925 funds were designated in a hodge-podge fashion to SBC agencies by the church's. This created confusion, competition among the agencies, and a lack of stability in spending, budgeting, and administration.

Nor did this now oft-called "lifeline" of Southern Baptists missions financing meet with complete enthusiasm.

Met Opposition

The proposal of such a plan met with opposition from some Baptists who felt that such a departure from tradition was practically heresy and a violation of their freedom of choice.

This was the state of affairs for Southern Baptists in 1925 as Charles E. Burts of Tennessee, general director of the Future Program Commission, began his report to the convention.

"In presenting this body with our first annual report," Burts told the messengers, "... we frankly face the difficulties, but at the same time call attention to certain aspects which should inspire gratitude and give confidence and hope."

Burts then cited the apparent suc-

cess of an every-member canvass among the then 27,517 Southern Baptist churches, noting the "thoroughness which secured most gratifying results" in enlisting pledges from church members to meet the budget needs of the denomination as well as the local church.

"We should view with alarm," however, he said, "the possibility that along with the loss of idealism which has come to the nation, our churches, too, have lost something of the world outlook and the world consciousness."

Insistent Demand

A disturbing element in the working out of a new plan for gathering in and distributing denomination-wide receipts was the "insistent demand for larger freedom of action on the part of many individuals and institutions," Burts said.

State and SBC-wide institutions, he added, "had pressed for funds on account of rapid growth and heavy financial demands, became impatient, and were given the liberty to go afieled with special appeals," imperiling "our whole Co-operative Program."

In facing the future, Burts said, "the denomination must consider cer- (Continued On Page 3)

Baptists, Reformed Representatives Begin Talks

RUSCHLIKON-ZURICH, Switzerland (BP) — Representatives of the Baptist World Alliance and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Presbyterian and Congregational) met in mid-December in the first of a series of bilateral theological conversations.

A statement prepared by the group of four WARC and five BWA representatives at the end of four days of talks at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, noted that "both Baptist and Reformed traditions recognize a common root in their history, which runs back through the Reformation period and the early Fathers of the Church to the New Testament."

It noted, "Our discussions have been most stimulating and illuminating when we have seen these traditional 'loci' of theological reflection in the context of wider questions about the world and God's purpose in it through our Lord Jesus Christ that confront all the churches in our time."

After noting various factors of kinship in the history of the two groups, the statement said: "In the light of this common affirmation, the group adopted a plan of work for the next three years with the aim: a) to provide our member churches with information on our present theological positions, b) to do this in a way which helps to overcome the differences which still exist with so much that we have in common, and c) to treat our particular convictions about baptism in a way which illuminates their relation to, and consequential nature within, a total understanding of theology and of the church's task today."

In reflection on common historical ties, the statement said that "historically the theology of Calvin and Zwingli has had a very great influence on the development of Baptist thinking since the Reformation. It can also be noted that both traditions share a common emphasis on the normative source of Holy Scripture, the central place of the Word of God, the witness to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, the sovereignty of grace. Further both traditions have a common concern to live out today a witness and service in the obedience of faith."

"At the same time" the statement continued, "obvious theological and historical differences come to mind. Because of the deepening divergence in theology and practice between Baptist and Reformed traditions and because of our close kinship, it would seem very important that we explore together the nature of our disagreement and how best we can overcome our differences."

Revive Enthusiasm

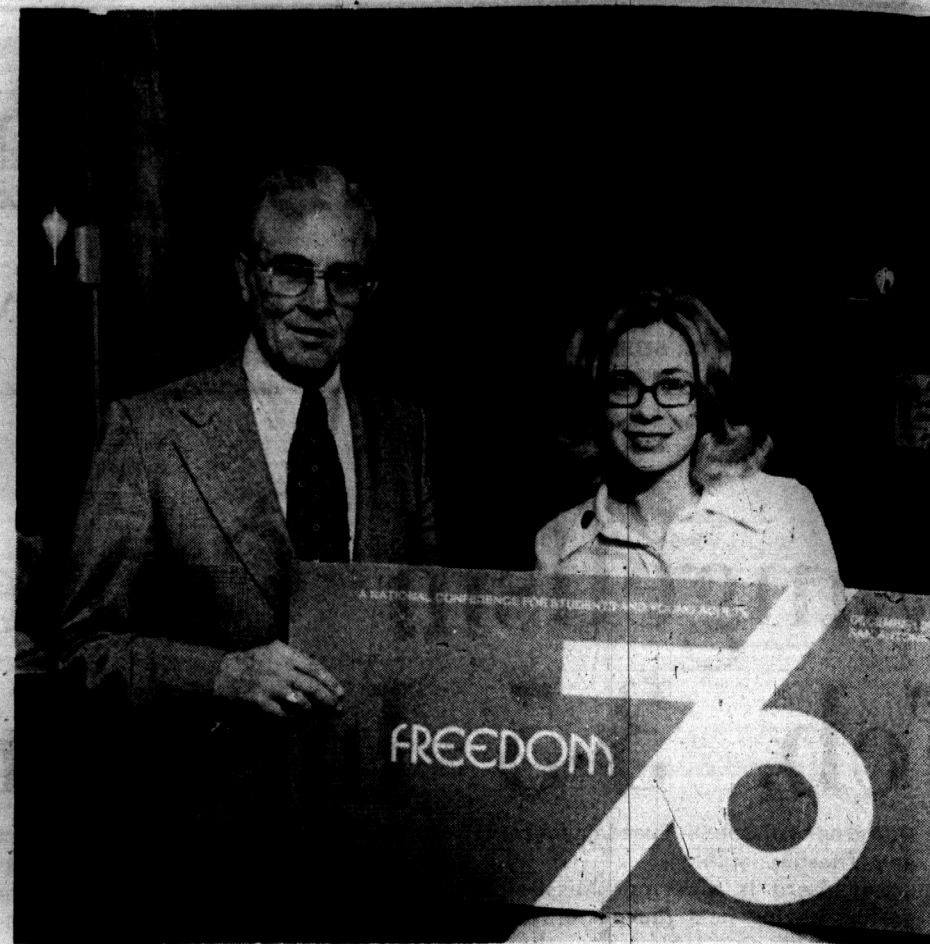
Summer Bible-Preaching Weeks Feature Blend Of Old And New

NASHVILLE — "An Old-Favorite Reshaped for Our Times," theme of the 1975 Bible-Preaching Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers, illustrates the attempt to blend the "old and the new" in this summer's conferences.

Designed for pastors, staff members, deacons, laymen, and their family members, the Bible-Preaching Conference at Ridgecrest is slated for Aug. 2-8 while the Glorieta conference will be held Aug. 16-22.

Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Church in Birmingham, Ala., will preach at the evening worship services at Ridgecrest. Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, will be the featured speaker for the evening services at Glorieta.

According to Howard Foshee, secretary of the board's Church Administration Department, "These two



A NEW BEGINNING—Miss Sheri Adamson, a Baptist single young adult from Jackson, Miss., pauses with Charles Roselle of Nashville, Tenn., during a planning meeting in San Antonio, Tex., for Freedom '76. This will be a national conference for about 10,000 students and young adults which Southern Baptist Convention agencies will sponsor in San Antonio, Dec. 28-31, 1975. It will speak to student and young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of the United States. Miss Adamson will help plan promotion of the conference, which is also open to other Baptist groups in the States and abroad. Roselle, director of the SBC's National Student Ministries, is general chairman of Freedom '76. (BP) Photo by David Clanton

Freedom '76 Will Usher In Nation's Bicentennial

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)—Freedom '76, a nationwide Baptist meeting set here Dec. 28, 1975-Jan. 1, 1976, will probably be the first event to usher in the nation's Bicentennial year.

The meeting, sponsored by agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention through the SBC's Interagency Council, will also be Southern Baptists' first attempt at a national meeting designed to reach students, single young adults, married young adults and young persons in the military, a National Student Ministries' spokesman said in Nashville, Tenn.

"Freedom '76 will speak to student and young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of our nation," said Charles Roselle, chairman of the event's coordinating committee and secretary of the National Student Ministries, the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Ed Seabough of the SBC Home Mission Board will chair the Freedom '76 promotion and registration committee and W. F. Howard, who recently retired as student director for

the Baptist General Convention of Texas, is program chairman. Ed Rollins of National Student Ministries is vice-chairman of the coordinating committee.

Built around the SBC's 1975-76 theme, "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," Freedom '76 will project a strong emphasis on the freedom in Christ and how it contributes to personal liberty and citizenship responsibility," according to its statement of purpose. "It will stress the importance of all young adults assuming their role in strengthening the moral fiber of American government and society."

Freedom '76, which will seek to employ innovative approaches to reaching young adults, is also designed to highlight the necessity of the Christian home. It will seek also to "issue the clear call of God for every person to be involved in proclaiming freedom in Christ at home and abroad, especially through the use of increased material and human resources available for ministry and missions." It will present church vocations as "a major focus of the meeting, with special emphasis to world mission responsibility."

Mission Action Institute Sessions Continue This Week

The Mission Action Institutes which began this week and continue through Jan. 30 are sponsored by the Brotherhood Department and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. This week's sessions were at First Church, Tupelo, on Monday and Tuesday; at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, on Tuesday and Wednesday; and at North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, on Thursday.

Next week the sessions will be at First Church, Crystal Springs at 7 p. m. Monday and 9:30 a. m. Tuesday; at First Church, Laurel, at 7 p. m. Tuesday and at 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday; and at First Church, Wiggins, at 9:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. on Thursday.

The conference leadership is being made up of personalities from the Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., and the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

From Birmingham are Adrianne Bonham, Evelyn Blount, and Micky Martin. From Memphis are Ben Connell, Charles Doggett, and Lee Holloway.

Sessions are being conducted for adult, youth, and children's division leaders.

Quenton Floyd, Long A Mississippi Pastor, Dies At Magee

Rev. Quenton E. Floyd, long a pastor of Mississippi churches, died at Magee General Hospital on January 19, after a lengthy illness. He was a native of Simpson County, and born in 1917.

Funeral services were at Corinth Church, Magee, on Monday afternoon, January 20, with Rev. W. P. Blair, Rev. Billy Guest, and Rev. Eugene Young officiating. Burial was in the Corinth cemetery.

Active pall bearers for the funeral service were some nephews, and Baptist ministers served as honorary pallbearers.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Mildred Floyd of Magee; four sons: Quenton Floyd Jr. of Mendenhall; Cedric Floyd, Clinton, Oklahoma; Ervin Floyd, Magee; Charles Floyd of Jackson; one daughter, Carolyn Johnson of Mendenhall. There are eleven grandchildren. He also is survived by his father, Rowan Floyd of Magee; and by four brothers and four sisters.

Education was at Magee High School and Mississippi College. Pastors included: Arlington and New Light in Lincoln County; Benton in Yazoo County; Forest Hill in Hinds County; Athens in Simpson County; and Lorena, Pleasant Hill and White Oak in Smith County. His last pastorate was at White Oak where he served from 1956 until two years ago.

He had served as an associational moderator, and in other positions of committee leadership in the denomination. He had been on the governor's staff of several Mississippi governors, and was director of Selective Service in Smith County for several years.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

SALT LAKE CITY (RNS) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has launched a national TV program called "Homefront" which has as its theme: "Give Your Children Everything — Give Them Your Time." The public service advertising campaign, which will apply to families in general, is designed to encourage parents to spend more time with their children.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (RNS) — Church-state relations in Yugoslavia continue to deteriorate, experts in East European affairs say. They report increased anti-religious propaganda in the government-controlled press, and legal measures against the Catholic press and clergy. Both the Roman Catholic and the Serbian Orthodox Churches have been accused of engaging in "nationalistic propaganda" and of trying to create centers of "political clericalism."

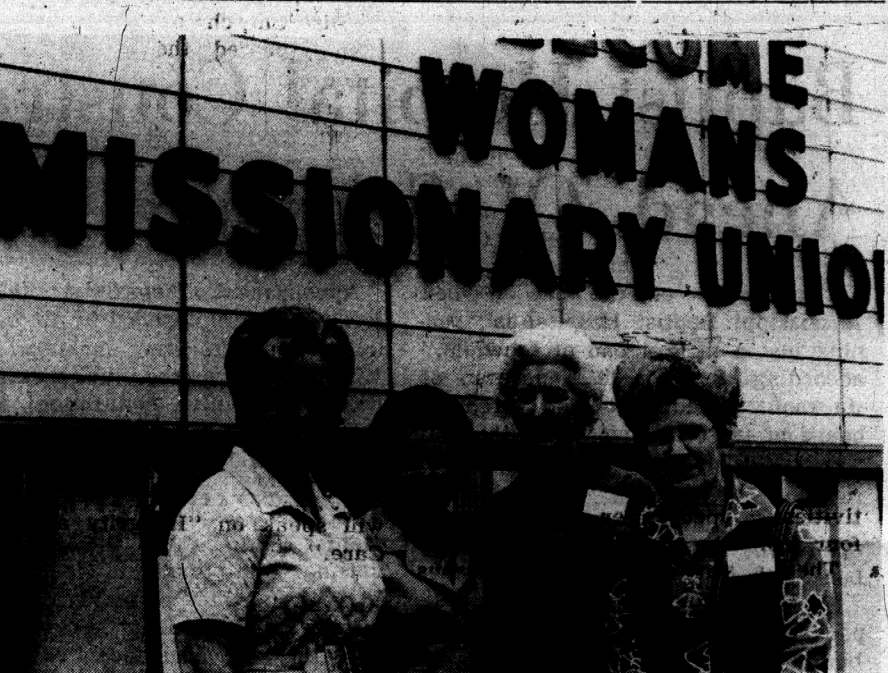
NEW YORK (RNS) — Eight prominent U. S. churchmen have endorsed an appeal to Leonid I. Brezhnev, calling for the release of imprisoned Baptist leader Georgi Vins in the USSR. The plea also called for "full freedom of religious belief and freedom to leave the Soviet Union which are guaranteed by Soviet laws and which have been abrogated by local Soviet authorities, especially in the Ukraine and the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic."

PITTSBURGH (RNS) — The School Sisters of St. Francis are seeking the release of their general superior, Sister Elizabeth Pretschner, who has been detained in Czechoslovakia since she entered the country in December 1973. A report from the Generalate in Rome indicates that Sister Elizabeth felt compelled to visit the order's Sisters in Czechoslovakia, despite warnings that she would face difficulties in leaving the country.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Meetings of the City Council of Washington, D. C., will open with a moment of silence — instead of prayer. The moment of silence was a compromise between those who wanted prayer and those who wanted nothing reverential at the beginning of business meetings.

WHEATON, Ill. (RNS) — "Maude" and "All in the Family" led the list of "permissive" programs noted by 7,000 persons who responded to a National Association of Evangelicals' questionnaire on the moral tone of television. "The Waltons" and "Apple's Way" were cited as the most "commendable."

NEW YORK (RNS) — The Rev. David G. Henritz, assistant administrator of the Methodist Home for the Aged in the Bronx, has been named director of Christian Herald's Bowery Mission here. He succeeds the Rev. J. Wilson Lockwood, who died Nov. 1 after having served 15 years in the position.



State WMU Leaders In Birmingham

Mississippi's Woman's Missionary Union staff and president were in Birmingham last week for the Southern Baptist WMU Executive Board's annual meeting for promotion. Left to right are Carolyn Weatherford, national WMU executive secretary; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, national WMU president; Mrs. Robert Smira, Mississippi WMU president; and Marjane Patterson, state WMU executive secretary. The Mississippi representatives helped finalize and approve WMU's plans and materials for 1976-77.

'Broom Brigade' Sweeps Boren Into Governorship

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — When Oklahoma's newly inaugurated governor, David Boren, announced in mid-1973 that he would be a candidate for governor, the experts agreed that he was committing political suicide.

A political unknown in Oklahoma, he was giving up a relatively secure seat in the Oklahoma House of Representatives to conduct a "hopeless" race for the chief executive's office.

But when Boren was inaugurated in Oklahoma City in mid-January, he and his "broom brigade," which played a key role in "sweeping" him into office, were vindicated.

In the beginning, though, Boren, associate professor of political science at Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU), since 1969, had little basis for optimism. After all, a poll, which he shelved out \$2,000 for, showed that only 1.5 percent of Oklahoma voters knew

who David Boren was.

OBV People Important

"OBV people were very important all along," acknowledges Boren, a Yale graduate, Rhodes Scholar, and holder of a juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

"There were just a tremendous number of OBU students who were active all through the campaign," Boren continues, "either as canvassers in Shawnee or throughout the state."

"Many of our county chairmen turned out to be either OBU graduates or parents of OBU students. These people were really the basis of our organization."

When time came to announce top staff appointments, the new governor, a Methodist, named five OBU graduates, all Baptists. Sam Hammons, a 1972 OBU graduate and son of a Southern Baptist pastor, R. N. Hammons, from Clinton, Okla.; David Berrong, '73; Paul Gritz, '71, son of Jack Gritz, editor of Oklahoma's Baptist Messenger; and Gary Morris, a current OBU student, were named administrative aides. Rob Pyron, '71, editor of the Wewoka (Okla.) Daily Times, was named press secretary.

Hard Work

"The most important thing to the campaign was the hard work by the people I had for me. We had people who had never been in politics before and who were respected in their home communities, rather than the type of people you usually find in politics. The kind of people we had are most effective because they still have creativity and believability."

It was during the last weeks before the primary that Boren was persuaded by campaigners to adopt the broom as a symbol of the clean sweep effort to clean up Oklahoma politics. Boren first thought the idea was "too corny," but now admits the

Pro Football Fans Got Religion Via Church's TV

NEW ORLEANS (RNS) — Professional football fans who followed the games on TV this season were exposed to the Word of God, courtesy of the First Baptist Church.

"We've taken advantage of a large television audience and have gotten a good response," said the Rev. Truett Gannon, pastor of the church which spent about \$18,000 on its TV advertising during the football season.

He said the congregation provided the money to produce 10 commercials with the assistance of the staff on WWL-TV, a Jesuit-owned station.

Three of the ads were used in rotation during National Football League games aired in New Orleans.

Mr. Gannon said the greatest response came from a commercial in which the pastor asks people to stop at the church for a cup of coffee and a chat. "We've had four families join the church as a direct response to these commercials. And I have had 22 formal counseling interviews — people calling about marital or personal problems," he said.

"But the actual community response has been much better. I've had waiters recognize me, people come up to me on the street and so on."

The advertising campaign has been so successful that the church hopes to expand the program.

broom was a major part of his last-month effort.

"The broom was a symbol of frustration for people who wanted things changed," he believes. "They were tired of politics as usual." While Boren believes hard work made the difference in the election, he admits he will always have a special feeling for the broom.

Boren, who is now on leave of absence from OBU (approved by the board of trustees in December), asserts that "teaching is still my first love."

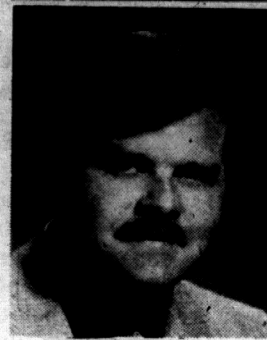
"MasterControl" Offers Salute To Abe Lincoln

"MasterControl", a half-hour radio show produced by Baptists and syndicated on more than 625 radio stations around the country, will air a special salute to Abraham Lincoln the week beginning February 7.

The Abe Lincoln Special, designed for airing in time for the 16th President's birthday, will feature excerpts from the Walt Disney Productions record, "Great Moments With Mr. Lincoln."

Highlights of the special will be parts of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, The Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield, and the Finale of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address.

Music on the show will include the record's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the "Closing Theme" from Gettysburg.



Bennett



Whitlow



Banks



Dunn



Caldwell

State REA To Meet In Biloxi Feb. 6-8

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association will hold its annual meeting at the Sheraton-Biloxi February 6, 7, and 8. Program personalities will include Walter Bennett, consultant for the Church Administration Department, BSSB (native of Louisiana, and former Illinois pastor); June Whitlow, assistant executive secretary, WMU, SBC, Birmingham (Arkansas native, graduate of Blue Mountain College and Southwestern Seminary; Bob Banks, executive assistant for planning and promotion, Brotherhood Commission, Mem-

phis (Georgian, former Brotherhood director for Oklahoma); Jimmy Dunn, Church Training Department, BSSB (native of Starkville, graduate of Miss. State and New Orleans Seminary, and former music minister); and Max L. Caldwell, consultant for the Sunday School Department, BSSB (Oklahoman, former minister of Christian education in Texas and Missouri). Featured speaker will be Dr. Cal Guy, professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary, and Dan McBride, humorist. Dale Oden of Clinton is state president of the REA.

Baptists' Financing Plan

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tain stern facts: Our boards and institutions are at present carrying heavy debts. The denominational credit is strained.

"Sane and business-like provision must be made for the immediate or the gradual retirement of these obli-



This Is Possible Because Of The Cooperative Program

Sudibio (Soo-di-bi-o) is Javanese. He is a sergeant in the Indonesian Army. During a civil uprising in Central Sumatra several years ago, he was sent to this remote area, a strong land to him, along with other troops. He had been here for over ten years when finally he received a two week furlough to visit home in Java. His wife and children could not go with him. When he arrived at his father's house in Central Java he found a surprise father and brother were Christians. Baptist missionary Von Worten had done a good job in working with them, the Holy Spirit was real to them, and their witness to Pak Sudibio was convincing. But the visit home was too brief, had Pak Sudibio had to return to Sumatra. What was he to do, with so little knowledge of Christ? And he didn't even own a Bible. But there was an answer. Southern Baptists have a missionary in that remote, foreign land where Pak Sudibio lives. Upon returning to Sumatra he called on the missionary in a nearby city who gave Sudibio, his wife, and a friend each a new Bible, and within a week heard the couple profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Then neighbors began to join the Bible lessons in his small, Army-provided dwelling. The group grew. Others professed faith. Then enemies of the cross brought such pressure upon the commanding officer that he asked the missionary to discontinue the Bible studies. Even with the activities stopped, after a few months four from the group were baptized.

Then a second time Bible lessons were started in Sudibio's home with a lay pastor leading instead of the missionary. The group grew again. Again the meetings have been stopped. But still Sudibio tells his neighbors about Christ. He is planning to enroll in a branch seminary led by the missionary in the nearby city to study and be able to lead his own Bible study. Again, it will grow. And still, it will be opposed. But we are here, reaching people, available when God calls out someone like Sudibio, to equip and train them. We will stay here as long as God wills it, for we are confident that the support of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program will continue. Because of that support, we can carry the banner of the cross with the sword of the Spirit until the victory is won and men can worship in freedom and joy, unopposed and unhindered.

Thomas O. Barron
Bukittinggi, Indonesia

gations and maintenance of existing institutions and activities.

"The present income as indicated by the receipts of the past year, and especially from January to May (of 1974), is inadequate."

Burts noted that per capita giving of Southern Baptists had fallen in the two years prior to 1975 from \$3.48 to \$2.62.

Lowest Per Capita

"While our denomination gives more in the aggregate than any other in the South (then the basic geographical limit of the SBC which now has work in all 50 states), our standard of per capita is now the lowest," Burts said. Membership in SBC churches in 1975 was 3.57 million.

"While Southern Baptists' giving and debts stood as a reproach to our denomination and reveal to us our weakness, the possibility of changing and improving this record by patient and persistent effort, together with the splendid body of stabilized givers which we already have, constitutes our great denominational hope," Burts declared.

Burts recommended adoption of the report from the Future Program Commission, that "our co-operative work be known as 'The Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists' and that our commission be known as the 'Commission on Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists'."

M. E. Dodd, chairman of the Future Program Commission, then came to the podium to report in detail on the SBC's financial status.

He urged complete support of the new recommended program of funding agencies and Southern Baptist work generally.

Dodd, who was the pastor of First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., then repeated the recommendation made earlier by Burts that SBC-wide programs of Southern Baptists be known thereafter as The Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists.

Christian Life Seminar

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Calif., president, Occidental National Corporation and former Postmaster General, will speak on "Integrity in Daily Work and the World of Economics," and Tom Bland, professor of Christian ethics, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, will speak on "Integrity and Health Care."

The theme interpretations are scheduled for presentation by Mary Cosby, author and lecturer, Church of the Saviour, Washington, D. C. The closing address will be by John Claypool, pastor, Broadway Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

"In the church and out of it, there is a pressing, critical, desperate need for the recovery of integrity," said Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission. "In this seminar we will be seeking to help Christians confront the integrity crisis creatively for Jesus Christ."

Persons interested in attending the seminar should write immediately to the Christian Life Commission, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219. Registration fee is \$25. Special registration fees are \$12.50 for accompanying spouse of registered participants and \$12.50 for students.

A further recommendation by Dodd urged the establishment of "a general committee with headquarters in Nashville, for the promotion of the Co-operative Program."

Reports Approved

Both reports and recommendations from the Future Program Commission were approved by convention messengers. Two years later, the Co-operative Program (the hyphen was eventually dropped in Co-operative). Commission was dissolved with the recommendation that the Executive Committee, SBC, already in existence several years as a non-staff group secure a staff and assume responsibility for distribution of funds to SBC-wide agencies, a duty it still has.

In concluding his report, Burts noted, "Your committee would reaffirm its belief that the only way of liquidating our debts and creating an adequate financial support of all of our institutions and activities under God is to commit ourselves thoroughly to our Co-operative Program."

"Let us here and now consecrate ourselves afresh with patience and persistence to the task of the full enlistment of all our churches and our people. And may Almighty God help us to do so."

Burts' call for legal support by the convention will be echoed frequently in 1975, the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program founding.

'74 Missionaries

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and are enrolled in seminary or graduate school or are gaining practical experience to help qualify them for overseas ministries.

The department staff conducted 2-728 interviews with candidates and prospective candidates during the year. The student section reported about 2,800 letters were sent to young people who requested information, an average of 235 letters a month.

Human Relations Workshop



The president pro-tempore of the Mississippi State Senate, Bob Perry, right, attended the final session of the Human Relations Workshop last week in the Baptist Building in Jackson. He came to hear the address of Senator Charles Pickering, second from left, a Baptist from Laurel. With the Senators are two who presided at sessions of the workshop—Dr. Foy Rogers, left, director of the Cooperative Missive Missions Department, and Dr. Earl Kelly, second from right, executive secretary-treasurer. Dr. Rogers and Dr. Kelly also delivered addresses during the workshop.



Dr. Clark Hensley, left, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, chats with two program personalities for the Human Relations Workshop. At the center is Dr. Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Baptist Convention, and at right is Dr. Macklyn W. Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland; Dr. Hensley president at one of the sessions and delivered an address.



Dr. Dick Brogan, second from right, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, is shown during a coffee break with three program personalities for the Human Life Workshop last week. Left to right, they are Dr. Jerry Warmath, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; Dr. S. L. Bowman, pastor of Clark Street Baptist Church, Jackson; and Dr. Bill Lawson, pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Dr. Brogan presided at one of the sessions.



Four panel members who reacted to program material at the Human Life Workshop are shown above. Left to right, they are Dr. Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Mr. Ray Joe, Greenwood; Rev. Dalton Haggan, Philadelphia, general missionary to the Indians; and Dr. S. L. Bowman, pastor of Clark Street Baptist Church, Jackson.

Help For Africa Group Brings 1,200% Growth

By C. E. Bryant
For Baptist Press

Members of the Rwanda Baptist Union's executive committee laughed in 1964 when Mrs. Nina Larsen, a Danish Baptist missionary, read them a letter from Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Nordenhaug was inviting Rwanda to send a representative to the 1965 Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Fla. Mrs. Larsen wrote Nordenhaug of the Rwandan's desire to be represented but cited the Central African country's total Baptist membership of less than 1,500 and the average pastor's salary of 1,200 Rwanda francs (US \$12).

"They could even as well try to take down the moon," Mrs. Larsen wrote in citing the impossibility of such a trip. She observed also that Rwanda might not be alone; there were other Baptist bodies in the BWA membership just as small and just as economically distressed.

More than \$5,000 flowed into the Baptist World Alliance offices when the letter was published in The Baptist World. The contributions ranged from a great many one dollar bills to one \$1,000 gift.

Nordenhaug sent money to Rwanda to pay the transportation of one delegate. The remainder of the contributions were distributed to similarly needy areas to help pay travel costs to Miami Beach.

That is how Festo Nyamakaza, a youthful Rwandan school teacher, came to the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach. It was his first time out of Central Africa. It was his first contact with his Baptist brethren in other lands. He gained an inspiration at the meetings in Miami Beach.

Nyamakaza stopped in Switzerland before going back to Rwanda and studied at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon. Then he

went back to Rwanda to become executive secretary of the Rwanda Baptist Union.

How effective has he been, applying the inspiration of Miami Beach to Baptist work in his African country? We had never thought particularly about it until we were looking at a chart of Baptist membership statistics of the last ten years.

Baptists throughout the world increased from 25.3 million in 1964 to 33.5 million in 1974 — a gain of 32 per cent.

But the Rwanda figures are awe-inspiring. There were, as we said, 1481 Baptists in Rwanda in 1964. The 1974 figure is 19,515 — a gain of 1200 per cent!

Baptist of the world will be coming to gether in another Baptist World Congress in 1975 — July 8-13 in Stockholm, Sweden. There will be thousands of people from the affluent countries.

But in our prayers and concern for the meeting, let us remember yet unidentified people like Festo Nyamakaza from lands where Christianity has only the barest of footholds.

God can work wonders. (BP)

Hospital Construction

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intensive-care nursery, as appreciation for the care given the child of one of the Giants.

Earl Jackson Gregory III, of Pelahatchie, spent the first year of his life in the nursery and was given intensive treatment throughout that time after being born with defective lungs.

The infant is now at home, but he continues to be seen by hospital medical teams at regular intervals because of the seriousness of his condition and the need for continuing operations.

His father, Jack Gregory, plays

for the New York Giants and recommended the hospital as a recipient for some of the money accumulated by the Giants each year by the levying of fines on the players.

In a letter to hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor, Giants head coach Bill Arnsparger said, "Our squad voted unanimously that I send this check in the amount of \$2,000 for your use in the hospital nursery."

Little E. J. was born at the hospital on August 5, 1973, and he celebrated his first birthday by going to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Massey, of Pelahatchie, for his first time outside the hospital.

Baylor Football Team

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editorial, "pays its respects to Baylor and thanks the students, the football team, and the administration at Waco, Texas, for giving the nation a great example."

Copies Sent

Copies of the editorial were sent to Baylor President Abner V. McCall

by Millard S. Clark of Littleton, N.H., and Donald A. Harrington of Hillsboro, N. H.

In a letter accompanying the clipping, Clark wrote, "sorry you could not have been more elated in the game's results; I think you were more effective than you think."

Harrington's letter read, "What a splendid example and witness to your faith! May God bless all your endeavors."

"You lost the football game," he wrote, "but I'm sure you won the hearts and admiration of millions of Americans. I only wish there were more colleges and administrations such as yours."

Vicksburg "Y" Camp Facilities Available To Church Groups

The camp facility of the Vicksburg YMCA is available for use by church groups for camps, retreats, and similar activities, according to announcement by Mr. Herb Wilkinson, director of the Vicksburg "Y."

The camp is located 22 miles south of Vicksburg, just a few miles north of Port Gibson.

The camp includes cabins for up to 120, a dining hall with full food service, a chapel, an open-air pavilion, a lake, a pool, and other facilities to meet every camping need. Rates are reasonable, and numerous groups make use of the facility, according to Mr. Wilkinson.

Churches, or church leaders who are interested in further information should contact the Camp Director, YMCA, 821 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180, or call (601) 638-1071.

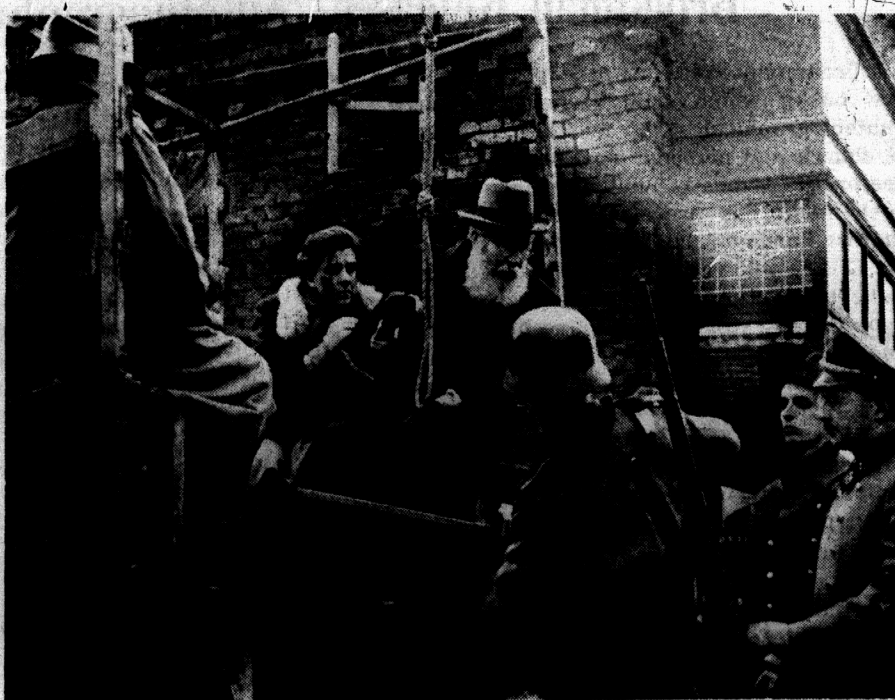
Evangelism Conference

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newly formed Mississippi Association of Missionaries Association. Rev. Lucius Marion, pastor of Clarksdale Church in Clarksdale, is director of evangelism for Riverside Association.

Scheduled for special music for the conference are Tommy Lane of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and Martha Branham of First Church, Dallas.

Dr. Baxter was trained for the ministry at Spurgeon's College in England and was pastor for four years in Northampton and four years in Sunderland. From there he went to Charlotte Baptist Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland. He has been a resident of the United States for almost 20 years and has preached in nations around the world.



Corrie ten Boom (Jeanette Clift) and Papa (Arthur O'Connell) as they are taken by truck to the train which takes them to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp in World Wide Pictures' THE HIDING PLACE.

"Hiding Place" Actress To Speak In Jackson

Jeanette Clift George of Houston, Texas will be the featured speaker for the Jackson, First Baptist Church's World Forum Sunday, January 26, at 5:45 in the auditorium.

World Wide Pictures of Hollywood has just completed filming of "The Hiding Place" in which Miss Clift plays the part of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch lady who saved the lives of scores of Jews in her native Holland during the Nazi occupation.

Jeanette Clift worked off Broadway and toured with the New York Shakespeare Company. She has also been presented in her own one woman show at the Gramercy Arts Theatre

in New York, at the Dallas Theatre 3, and at many civic clubs and other organizations in cities around the country.

She is the director-producer of the After Dinner Players, a Christian drama company which offers Bible-based plays for churches, schools, and theatres.

The World Forum is a special lecture series conducted on the last Sunday night of each month during the Church Training Hour. At the Forum, Miss George will speak on the subject, "How The Bible Changed My Life." The public is invited to the lecture.

Message for Baptist World Alliance Sunday

February 2, 1975

Greetings to the Baptist People of the World:

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God... we use his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (100th Psalm).

Baptist people in many nations pause this day to think of our international fellowship. We thank God for his guidance and his blessings in the past. We look forward confidently, in his strength, to the challenges that face us in the year 1975:

- It is the year of climax for the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a project launched by the Baptist World Congress in 1970.
- It is the year of the 13th Baptist World Congress, meeting at Stockholm, Sweden, July 8-13, 1975. The theme will be "New People for a New World—Through Christ."
- It is a year for implementing the visions gained when more than 5000 young people from 54 countries gathered at Portland, Oregon, USA in July 1974—for discussions around the theme, "Christ, Our Challenge to Live."
- It is a year in which Baptist men seek to implement the goals outlined in their First World Conference of Baptist Men, held in November 1974 at Hong Kong, using the theme, "World Brotherhood Through Christ."

The World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ has kindled the fires of evangelism around the earth. Thousands of persons have been reconciled to God, professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Christian people have been directed to projects of Christian service, demonstrating the love of Christ in their day to day relationships.

We must make 1975 a year of even greater victories. The Lord said that greatness comes through serving. "Even the Son of Man," he said, "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Let us therefore—33 million Baptists in more than 100 countries—press ever forward in proclamation of the Word, by speech and by deed, "that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his light to shine upon you and give you peace.

V. CARNEY HARGROVES, President
ROBERT S. DENNY, General Secretary
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EDITORIAL

Still At The Center

Evangelism still is at the center of Southern Baptist life. We use the term to include the whole program of Christian witness, in the local church and in the denominational work as it reaches from the local association to the ends of the earth.

Basic to everything that Southern Baptist churches do is evangelism. As Baptists view it, this is the effort to give a witness of Jesus Christ in such a manner that lost individuals will come into a saving relationship with Christ through faith in him, and into right relationship with the church. In other words, the task is to win souls to Jesus Christ, and lead them into the fellowship of a New Testament church.

Baptist preachers stand in their pulpits and preach the Word of God so that people may be evangelized.

Churches have worship services, establish Sunday schools and organizations, and carry on their whole program in order that lost people may be reached, and brought to God through Christ.

Sunday school teachers teach the Word, with the primary purpose of reaching men and women and boys and girls for Christ.

Workers in the churches are trained for their ministries, in order that they may be effective witnesses for Christ.

Many individual Baptists take special witnessing training in order that they may share their experience with Christ with others.

Congregations hold revivals, and pray and work, in order to evangelize. Denominations set up institutions and agencies, with the basic purpose of giving witness for Christ that will bring lost men to faith in Him. While their program of work has many facets, the primary purpose is evangelism.

Missionaries move all across the state, the nation, and to the ends of the earth, in order to bring men to Christ.

The key word in Baptist work is Christ, but closely related to it is evangelize.

The late Oswald J. Smith wrote:

Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle cry, a flaming breath
That calls to conquest, or to death.

A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed the Master's high behest.
The call is given: Ye hosts arise.
Our watchword is, Evangelize.

The glad evangel now proclaim,
Through all the earth, in Jesus' Name.

This word is ringing through the skies:
Evangelize! Evangelize!

To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace.
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!

Mississippi Baptists believe that, this

is a primary task. Because of this they have a department of evangelism in the Convention Board. Under the leadership of director Roy Collum the department promotes and helps coordinate the whole program of evangelism of Mississippi Baptist churches.

One of the most important parts of this program is the annual Evangelism Conference. For many years this has been one of the highlights of the year in the convention life. Outstanding leaders in the field of evangelism both in the state, and across the Southern Baptist Convention, appear on the program. This year's speakers include widely known evangelists and Bible teachers.

Often the evangelism conference is referred to as the "preacher's revival," and usually it is just that. Hearts are warmed and stirred for renewed and enlarged evangelistic effort at this meeting.

This year's Evangelistic Conference is to be held at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale on February 3-5, Monday night through Wednesday noon. Let's be there in great numbers, and stir anew the evangelistic fires in our own hearts.

Churches across the state should encourage their pastors to attend this meeting and provide the expense for them to do so. Laymen also should be encouraged to attend, and many churches are able to share their expenses too.

Something New Under The Sun!

"Something new under the sun" has appeared in Southern Baptist Sunday School work. This is difficult to conceive, for Southern Baptist leaders have developed and used many ideas for better teaching and enlarged outreach in recent years, as the Bible teaching program in our churches has grown. Much of the growth has been based upon principles which were conceived a half century or more ago. Now, however, something new has appeared. It is the concept of dual Sunday School programs.

I pastored for many years, and often wrestled with the problem of finding space for Sunday Schools which simply had outgrown the church building. We used rented quarters, provided temporary buildings, and, of course, as we were able, erected new plants. I must confess that I do not believe that we ever considered the idea of dual use of our facilities for Sunday School work. Two worship services? Yes! Two Sunday Schools? We never gave serious thought to it. Now, however, the idea has come alive, and it has exciting possibilities.

Last week, I sat in the prayer and business meeting of my church (First, Jackson) and heard the presentation of

a new program of dual Sunday School and dual worship services, proposed to be started later this spring. The church long has had two worship services to care for the crowds which were attending. The time has come now when it is absolutely necessary to provide more space for the Sunday School that is overflowing the educational plant. Instead of asking for the erection of a new multi-million dollar building, leaders came to the church with the proposal for a dual Sunday School program. Not only will there be two worship services, but also two Sunday Schools. The first Sunday School will begin at 8:30 a.m., the time of the present early worship service. It will be followed by a worship service beginning at 9:45 a.m. At the same hour the second Sunday School will be starting, and the second worship service will be at 11:00 a.m.

The program immediately doubles the available space, adds many new departments to the Sunday School, and greatly increases the number of workers, and the possibilities for growth. All of this is done without having to spend one cent for new buildings. Since the plan has been used in a few other churches, it already is known that it

can bring enlarged enrollment and attendance, and increases effectiveness in reaching people for Bible study and in winning them to Jesus Christ.

This is not a program for a small church, nor for a church that has an inadequate building. It is for the church which has a strong program, and a well planned building which simply has become outgrown for its work. Only when this condition exists should the church turn to this new program. The same principles of growth and enlistment will continue to be used, but now the church will be better utilizing the equipment it has. Taking such action requires careful planning and Spirit led leadership, but it gives promise of greatly enlarging the ministries of the churches which need to do it. It appears to be good stewardship of the buildings God has enabled the churches to erect.

As we said in the beginning, it is "something new under the sun," an idea which some of us who have been in the work a long time, simply had not seen as a possibility. Now God has led men in developing it, and it gives promise of greatly enlarging the ministries of churches with serious space problems.

NEWEST BOOKS

Broadman Releases "Autobiographical" Books Of Two Leaders

Broadman Press has just published two new books which will become treasured "autobiographical" type books in thousands of church and personal libraries. The books are by Dr. James L. Sullivan who is retiring next month, as president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and Dr. Robert G. Lee who retired from the pastorate of Bellevue Church, Memphis, several years ago, but who still is very active in preaching and evangelism. Neither of the books is a full "autobiography," yet each of them record many things in the lives and experiences of these great leaders. Both books are outstanding and should have a wide reading. Individual reviews are given below.

GOD IS MY RECORD by James L. Sullivan (Broadman, 145 pp., \$3.95) Dr. James L. Sullivan who spent many years as a pastor, and then twenty-two years as Secretary-treasurer (now president) of the Sunday School Board, tells the heart warming story of his journey from "Sullivan's Hollow" in Mississippi to the long period of leadership of Southern Baptists' largest agency. There is the story of "football" from the time when they used a bucket for a ball, to the place as captain of the Mississippi College team which won wide renown. There are the youth years at Tylertown, the home influence, the conversion experience, the call to preach, the marriage to the only girl he ever dated, and the years of training. Some things are told about the pastorates which he held in several states. One feels a heart-warming personal touch as he walks with this great leader through the years of preparation for what was to be his life's crowning task, the leadership of the Sunday School Board in its great years of expansion and growth. Most of the book is given to these Sunday School Board years, and the reader comes to a new understanding of the responsibilities, problems, and crises which

come to a great institution which was established to serve the thousands of churches and millions of Baptists in the Southern Baptist Convention. As one peruses these pages, and lives through the experiences of the past two decades at the Sunday School Board he comes to a new appreciation of how Southern Baptists function as a denomination, and to a strong conviction that Mississippian Jimmy Sullivan was God's man for the hour and place in this leadership position. This is a book you will read with deep interest, and then will want to turn back and reread at least some sections, again and again.

PAYDAY EVERYDAY by Robert G. Lee (Broadman, 146 pp., \$3.95) The subtitle is "The Incomparable Memoirs of a Pulpit Giant." . . . and the book is just that. The story of Dr. Lee's life has been told before by able biographers, but no one could look back over it through his own eyes, as can Dr. Lee, who now is in his late eighties and still is going strong. How old is this beloved leader? He starts the book by saying that he is "as old as Coca Cola," for it was first drunk in the year he was born, 1886. In these pages one listens with fascination as he tells of his early life, his parents, his conversion, his call to preach, his education, and the pastorates which led him finally from South Carolina, to New Orleans, back to South Carolina and finally to Bellevue, Memphis, where he served so mightily for almost a third of a century. His great faith, his able pastoral work, his church and denominational leadership, all are seen and felt, as his gifted pen records the story as he looks back. Some of the great experiences of God's leadership are recorded, along with some of the humorous incidents. The book will make you laugh, and in some places, perhaps, weep a little. It will thrill and strengthen and challenge and as you be-

gin to see why God used this man who has blessed so many with his words, his books, his preaching, and most of all, with his Godly life. You'll read and reread, "Payday Everyday."

Clergy's Federal Income Tax Guide, 1975 Edition for 1974 Returns by F. H. Heath (Abingdon Press, Nashville and New York, 64 pp. \$2.95) Includes sections on filing, preparation, income, deductions, computation, and payment.

PRAY! DON'T SETTLE FOR A TWO BIT PRAYER LIFE by Ben Haden (Nelson, paper, \$2.95) Ben Haden is the dynamic pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, who has become widely known across America through his weekly radio program "Changed Lives." These are some of the sermons preached on that program. Haden is a master preacher of the Word of God. Through his own unusual style, the author reaches and holds the hearer or reader with exposition of Bible truth, rich illustration, and practical application, that lives in the persons own life. This is great preaching on prayer, and calls for us to look squarely at our prayer life, to see what it really is, and what God wants it to be. Your praying can't be the same after you read these pages.

THE DEVIL LOVES A SHINING MARK by Jim Vaus with Julie Maxey (Word, 157 pp., \$5.95) The life story of Jim Vaus, the man who had connections with the underworld, but was converted in Billy Graham's first Los Angeles campaign twenty-five years. The exciting story of the conversion experience, the cost of following Christ, and the call of God to a great ministry to youth.



Global Sunrise

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Mississippians Respond To Montana Appeal

Dear Bro. Odle:

About two months ago I wrote, asking that Mississippi Baptists help us by sending old Home Life and Living with Preschoolers magazines for our new Cradle Roll Ministries Department here in Harlowton, Montana. The response to my request has been so tremendous that I have not been able to keep up with personal acknowledgements to everyone who has so graciously provided for this and other needs.

At present we have set up a large Reader's Guide on all the magazines we received—some dating back to 1960! We are using this, not only in our preschool program, but also in others areas when problems or counseling situations arise. There are now about 25 families involved in our Cradle Roll work, and thanks to the First Baptist Church of Lumberton, we have new Home Life magazines for these families for the next year.

Please continue to pray with us about the many needs here in this pioneer field, where the word Baptist is "practically foreign to most people. Also pray with us about the possibilities of erecting a small building here this summer. (Church is presently being held in our home.)

Hats off to Mississippi Baptists! Thank God for your support.

Mrs. Ron Miller
Box 181
Harlowton, Montana 59036

Never Sign Anything Without Reading It!

Dear Sir:

I have discovered that terrible things can happen to elderly people. Because my father trusts people too much, he is in a very difficult situation. My grandparents owned a farm next to my parents' farm in Kentucky. A neighbor came asking to lease the hunting rights. The man is a "big operator," young and ambitious; however, the grandparents agreed. They signed a five-year lease without reading it. So did my parents—as witnesses.

The lease was for hunting rights, but also for practically everything else. Now there is no legal outlet. My grandparents worried about it until they died. My father and mother cannot forgive themselves for their failure to protect the family property. It reminds me of the story of Ahab and Naboth in I Kings 21.

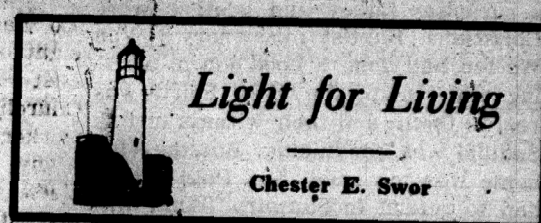
Please communicate to your readers how easy it is for someone to take advantage of their trust. Tell them never to sign anything without reading and understanding it. Farm land is desirable. Where money is involved, some men have no morals.

Anne F. de Omana
Caracas, Venezuela

On The MORAL SCENE...

DANGERS IN AMERICA — "In an address to the United States House of Representatives September 25 commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the convening of the Continental Congress journalist-scholar Alistair Cooke warned his hearers that the United States and the world today are faced with three immense dangers: crime and violence in the cities has become greater than at any time since the fifteenth century; the prospects of worldwide ruinous inflation are greater than at any time since the 1920s; and overshadowing all the rest there is the prospect of man's nuclear self-extermination."

Christianity Today October 25, 1974



Perfume And Lapels

A writer in the years ago suggested this very pleasant figure: that in expressing appreciation, admiration, and compliment to other people, we are "putting perfume on their lapels." He referred, of course, to the honest, sincere words which can be spoken to so many people whom we've either taken for granted or have simply neglected to thank or praise, people whose days and lives would be made so much more fragrant with joy in hearing the good things we feel, but do not think to express—or take time to express.

A busy and successful professional man wept as he told me of a long-intended, but never accomplished week-end trip he had meant to make to visit his mother in a distant city. She had made so many sacrifices in his behalf to prepare him for his professional usefulness, and she had stood by him in faith and love and prayer. He did appreciate her, and he meant to spend a whole week—end in just telling her so. But, after having permitted many other opportunities to delay the fulfillment of his good intention, he was shocked by a long distance telephone call: his mother had died suddenly.

A happy mother was exuberant as she told me of a long and eloquent letter which her son—away-at-college had written to her. The son had expressed his gratitude, admiration, and love so wonderfully that the mother exclaimed, "I have been more than compensated for all I have done for him!" This son had put the perfume of gratitude and compliment on his mother's "lapel" while she could enjoy its fragrance.

Who are the people whom you are inclined to take for granted—parents, neighbors, fellow-workers, public servants, people who have made and are making a large contribution to your spiritual resources, those who serve you in lowly tasks, and many others without whose gifts of love and friendship your life would have been impoverished? And don't forget those who are high in prestige either, for some of them are lonely in an isolation which high rank often imposes.

Why not send that note or make that telephone call or visit in your neighborhood or do whatever is necessary to put the perfume of gratitude and praise on some lapels—even before this week is gone, thereafter dispensing the fragrance of love and appreciation regularly?

"And," continued the long-age writer, "we can't put perfume on the lapels of other people without catching some of its fragrance in our own lives."

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One Mexican Church Has 10,000 In VBS

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Second in a Series

"That's right. Our church enrolled 10,000 children in Vacation Bible School in 1974," Joel Panana smiled as he checked the figures in his notebook, his large dark eyes shining. He referred to the First Baptist Church of Tapachula, Mexico where he is pastor.

"Probably a world record," observed Orvil Reid. "In my 36-year ministry in Mexico, it is the biggest thing I have ever heard of."

We were in the pastor's home, just across a small tree-shaded park from the church that with 500 members last summer sponsored 53 Vacation Bible Schools. The schools were held in homes, with morning, afternoon, and night shifts, for six weeks. Some afternoon and evening schools had departments for young people and adults.

I could almost see the wheels whirling in Orvil Reid's agile mind as he drew up a comparison: "Twenty times as many in Vacation Bible School in Tapachula as the number of members on the church roll. At this ratio, if every one of 600,000 Mississippi Baptists enrolled 20 children, there could be 12,000,000 in VBS in Mississippi in 1975. If every one of the 12,000,000 Southern Baptists enrolled 20, there would be 240,000,000 in Vacation Bible School in 1975 — or nearly all the people in the United States!"

Tapachula, with a population of 90,000, has many children, for there are eight or ten in nearly every family. Last summer 153 workers from First Church, Tapachula cooperated in five-worker teams, some working in as many as four schools a day for six weeks, each school lasting 2 1/2 hours. Senorita Elizabeth Cancino worked in fifteen schools. In these Tapachula Bible schools there were 381 professions of faith. Already two new missions have resulted, and seven children's Bible clubs have been started, with 700 to 800 in regular attendance.

Joel Panana has been pastor at Tapachula for nine years. Born in Cacahuatan, he became a Christian at 15. He and his beautiful wife, Lina, native of Tapachula, have three children.

He told about one little girl who was saved at Bible school. He said, "That afternoon her unsaved grandmother became very sick. The little girl walked an hour trying to find where her Vacation Bible School teacher lived, to ask her to go and pray for her grandmother, and to tell her about Jesus. The teacher went to the home and won the grandmother to the Lord."

Not only Tapachula, but every church in the association enthusiastically took part in the VBS effort. From four schools in 1972, they went to 153 schools in 1974. The state of Chiapas and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, with 27 churches and 1700 members, last year sponsored 153 schools with an enrollment of nearly 17,000. Eight students from the Mexican Baptist Seminary worked in the schools, their expenses paid from a memorial fund for Charlotte Ann Reid, the Reids' only daughter, who died of brain tumor at age 15.

Though Catholic antagonism toward Protestants is not as severe as it once was in Mexico, the Catholic parents will permit their children to attend Vacation Bible Schools in homes more readily than they would ones held in Baptist churches.

In 1938, when Orvil first went to Mexico, there were only four Bible schools held in the whole country. Now he has challenged Mexico City Baptists to plan at least 1,000 Bible schools this year, and the country to set a goal of 5,000.

He feels that the Vacation Bible School, as well as the revival crusade, is important in evangelism: "I believe that Jesus was talking about a child when he gave the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18:12). He had been talking about children and had just said, 'Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones (v. 10).'"

"The 27 churches of the Chiapas Association with 1700 members had over 10 in VBS for every member."

he emphasized. "First Church, Tapachula, had at least one profession of faith for every two members. The association had almost one profession of faith for each member."

I had arrived in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, on Wednesday to visit my good friends, Alma and Orvil Reid, two of the most joyous, dedicated, talented, and unselfish people I have ever known, and as Dr. Pat Carter had described them, "two souls of great faith." Thirty-six years ago for Orvil, and 31 for Alma, they had gone as missionaries to Mexico. Now they were preparing to say goodbye to their adopted country. (Since retirement time has come for them, they plan to go April 1 to Atlanta for their year's furlough.)

Thursday morning Orvil, age 67, ran three miles before breakfast. I picked up a brochure advertising his athletic feats (and I knew the claims were true, for I'd seen him perform these in Guadalajara) — "He sings while a man breaks a large rock on his stomach with a sledge hammer." "He resists two horses, two cars, or 32 men trying to pull his clasped hands apart." "He resists the weight of a car on his stomach."

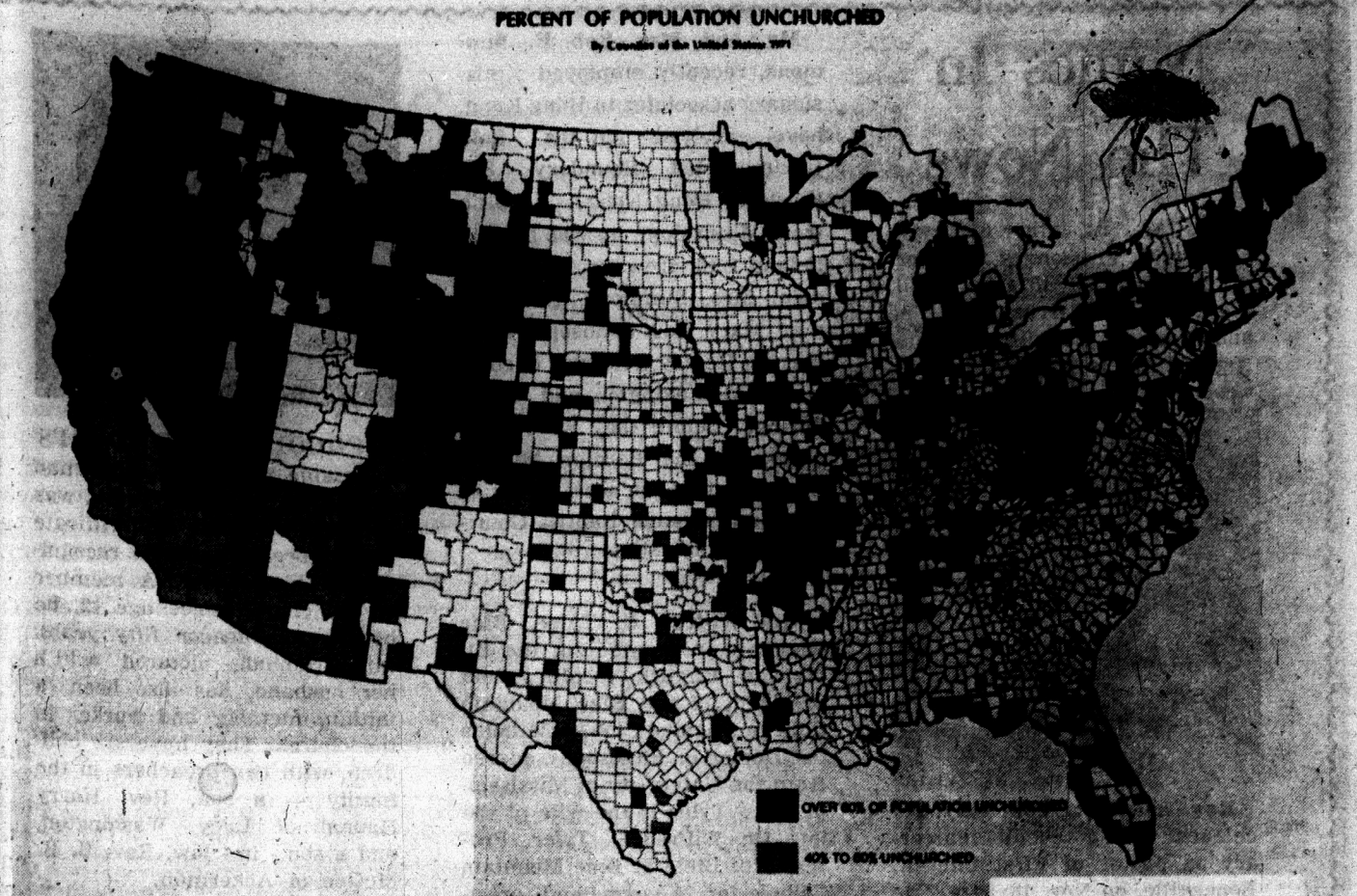
After breakfast he drove us to the top of a mountain (4,000 feet) to view El Sumidero, Mexico's Grand Canyon. He had run up this mountain on his 65th birthday, but I declined to try that! Far below, a waterfall dropped from a cliff, and in the bottom of the chasm flowed a tiny green river. On the way down from the mountain, Orvil pointed out a bridge we had crossed the evening before when we went to a museum to see exquisite handpainted gourds typical of Chiapas art.

Alma remembered that it was Thanksgiving Day in the States, so we had dressing and cranberry sauce. There were tortillas, too, and fresh papaya, pineapple and bananas, and congealed salad in the red, white, and green of the Mexican flag. Dr. Rafael Guillen and his wife, Helen, from Missouri and their son, David, were guests, and Margaret Fry of Jackson, Mississippi.

After a two-hour siesta we visited Second Baptist Church, built on land partly paid for by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Then it was party time again — this time a birthday party for the pastor of First Baptist Church of Tuxtla, Joel Cruz Zarate, age 36. (His church, with 60 members, sponsored 14 Bible schools.)

We sang "Happy Birthday" in Spanish and English, and savored the flavor of tamales with Cokes, and a festive cake from a farewell party given the Reids by the Chiapas state WMU. Mario and Diana Macios, the pastor and his wife from Second Baptist Church, were there, with two of their children. Also a man who had recently become a Christian stopped in to ask Orvil some questions about the Bible, and he was invited to stay for supper. Altogether, it was a happy fellowship.

Friday we drove to Tapachula near the Guatemalan border, and a few miles from Puerto Madero and the Pacific. Descending from the mountains of Chiapas, we passed fearful rock formations called The Sepulchres, and then gradually the land became more and more level, as the tropical temperature became hotter



Map Shows 'Unchurched' Population

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This map of the continental United States shows, on a county-by-county basis, the percentage of the "unchurched" population as of 1971. The term "unchurched" in this case refers to all those persons who are not on the church rolls of any Christian denomination.

The dark gray areas on the map indicate counties where more than 60% of the population are not on Christian church membership rolls, while the light gray areas are counties where 40 to 60 percent can be considered unchurched. The white areas have, according to the data available, up to 40 percent of the population belonging to a Christian denomination.

The map was prepared by the Glenmary Research

Center, Washington, D. C., a Roman Catholic agency, and is based on data on church membership rolls found in "Churches and Church Membership in the United States: 1971" issued last year.

While the data contained in the report encompasses just 80.8 percent of Christian church members, on the map county percentages of the unchurched were adjusted downwards to compensate for the unreported 19.2 percent. Also, since some denominations counted all baptized persons, including infants, and others did not, for the purposes of the map membership statistics have been adjusted so that children of members in denominations that do not count infants are not included among the unchurched. (RNS Photo)

Nigerian Wedding Becomes Test Of Faith For Couple

IBADAN, Nigeria — Traditions waged a battle with Christian values in a recent Nigerian wedding. For Kehinde and his bride, their engagement party was a lesson in faith.

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, a missionary student worker from Missis-

sippi, finds herself involved in the daily lives and therefore the weddings of students. So when Kehinde, a student, and his bride, Ayo, needed counsel, they went to Miss Kirkpatrick. "They were two happy people," Miss Kirkpatrick said, "but a cloud was hanging over the joy, and it did not take them long to share their concern." The next day they were to have the traditional engagement party. The two families would come together to finalize the arrangements and the family of the groom would bring the traditional gifts for the family of the bride. The bride's father insisted that bottles of strong drink be included as refreshments.

Kehinde and Ayo, both committed Christians, had decided not to have anything to do with strong drink. She had begged her father and they had been to him together to plead that fruit drinks be used. The father stubbornly refused saying that he was the head of the house and that the serving of strong drinks was a tradition that would be followed.

Kehinde and Ayo had done all they could.

As they discussed the situation with

the pastor of the church, they decided to have a picnic lunch underneath a big tree on the roadside, and about mid-afternoon stopped in the small town of Huitzila, to visit Pastor Ramon Castaneda and his family. "His church with twenty members had three Bible schools in 1974," Orvil said. We walked through a grove of trees to the pastor's house, and so I had a chance to inspect a mandarin orange tree and a cocoa tree, and to pick a few coffee beans off a bush.

Pastor Ramon had been to the International Baptist Congress of Evangelism in Laredo the week before, on the same bus with Orvil. Chiapas had sent 50, the largest attendance of any state that far away.

At sunset we went wading in the Pacific, the cool black sand sticking to our feet. Then on Saturday morning we arrived at the house of the Pananas where I heard the astounding statement: "Our church had 10,000 in Vacation Bible School."

As they discussed the situation with

Miss Kirkpatrick the line of a devotional she had read came to her — "You can trust the Man that died for you."

They thought it through and reconfirmed their trust in Jesus Christ.

"We joined hands, in agreement, and committed the situation to Him," Miss Kirkpatrick said. "We asked Him to take control of the party and not to allow anything that would bring shame and disgrace to His name."

The party went according to schedule with the introductions, presentations and other activities. Then the bride's father reached down and picked up a bottle of strong drink and set it on the table. He looked at it and told the guests what the young people had said. Then he asked the guests to tell him what they felt should be done.

The opinions varied. Some wanted to drink, some wanted to follow the wishes of the couple, some did not want to drink. One woman said she was a Christian and she drank at home and wanted to drink now. Then on and on went the testimonies against the drink. The father said that tradition was tradition and he would serve the drink.

As the father lifted a glass to pour the drink, Kehinde thought, "I can trust the Man who died for me."

At that instant an elder stood to his feet and said, "Please sir, I beg you, just this once, let's do as they wish." The bottle was immediately replaced with one of fruit drink, without question, and all ate and drank.

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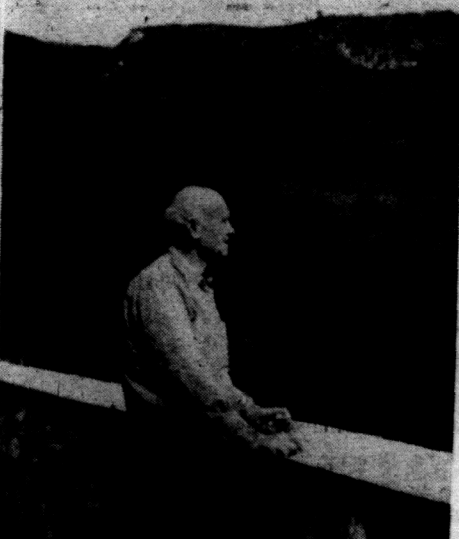
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Greene (McLain)	Forrest (Calvary)	Pearl River (Corinth)	Simpson (Bap. Center)	Copiah (Spring Hill)	Rankin (Oakdale)
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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Joel Panana Ortiz is pastor of First Baptist Church, Tapachula, Mexico. He is pictured with his wife, Lina Flores de Panana and children, Joel Alberto, six; Robert, 4; and Lina Karen, one. When the family is not busy at church, they like to swim in the nearby Pacific.



Orvil Reid at El Sumidero, Mexico's Grand Canyon.



Orvil and Alma Reid, left, gave a birthday party for Joel Cruz Zarate, center, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico. The pastor's wife is at right.



Senorita Elizabeth Cancino worked in fifteen Bible schools at First Baptist Church, Tapachula, last summer.



Ramon Castaneda and his family are pictured in front of his home in Huitzila, Mexico. Senor Castaneda is pastor of First Baptist Church, Huitzila.

Names In The News

A. J. Merritt, father of Dewey E. Merritt, missionary to Nigeria, died Dec. 28, 1974, in Petal, Miss. Dewey Merritt may be addressed at Box 94, Kaduna, Nigeria. He is a native of Hattiesburg.



Rev. and Mrs. Tom Rayburn celebrated their seventh anniversary as pastor of First Church, Booneville, on Nov. 18, 1974. The entire week was set aside as a week of celebration and each of the Sunday School classes and departments took turns throughout the week expressing their appreciation to the Rayburns by giving them gifts.

On Friday, January 24, the Department of Music, Blue Mountain College, will present Susan Bell Marshall in her senior piano recital at 8 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium. The public is invited to the recital and the reception which follows. Mrs. Marshall is the piano student of Robert K. Formisima.

She is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. E. D. Bell of Memphis. Both she and her husband are seniors at BMC. Her husband, Wayne, is son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Marshall of Fellowship Church, Tiptah County.



Recently ordained as new deacons at Lexie Church (Walshall) were the following five men: Standing left to right, Major Byron Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, and seated left to right, Maxie Hill, Robert E. Kennedy, and Porter Skinner. The ordination service included the charge to the new deacons and the church by Rev. Bill Bowman, retired Army Chaplain; the ordination sermon by Rev. George Lee, tri-county associational missionary; and prayer by Rev. B. V. Alford, pastor from Bogalusa, Louisiana. Pastor of Lexie Church is Rev. Jerry G. Wise.

William C. Choate of Crowder, Ms. will receive the Diploma in Theology in graduation exercises Jan. 24 at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob E. Simmons, recently employed missionary associates to Hong Kong, have arrived on the field (address: 160 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). Both from Mississippi, he was born in Leland and grew up in Clarksdale. Mrs. Simmons, the former Mary Lou Johnson, was born in Henley field and lived in Bassfield, Lexington and Holly Springs. Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, he was pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.

Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, a member of the Bible and English faculties and president of the Blue Mountain College Faculty Club, now holds the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Mississippi. Mrs. Tyler is the wife of the late Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College for 24 years and president of the institution from 1960 until his death in 1965.



Bob Posey, a native of Lee County near Tupelo, Mississippi and fulltime evangelist operating out of Birmingham, Alabama, was honored recently by the trustees of his ministry with a banquet at which time he was presented a plaque commemorating his tenth anniversary in the field of evangelism. He attended Ole Miss as a pre-med student, then graduated from Mississippi College, later receiving the Master's Degree from New Orleans Seminary. Posey formerly pastored the Good Hope, Louisville; Neshoba Church, and Houka Church in Mississippi. During these ten years he has held revivals in over 200 churches in thirteen states, while traveling a quarter of a million miles.

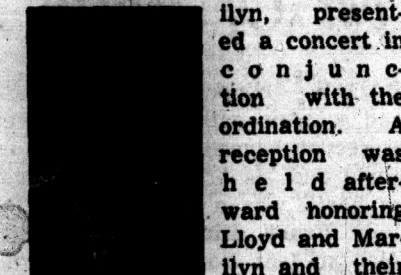
Barry G. Allen, assistant to Kentucky Baptist Convention business manager G. B. Morton since February, 1971, has been selected to succeed Morton when the latter retires in July, 1975. Allen became business manager-elect effective January 1. A native of Grenada, Mississippi, he has degrees from University of Mississippi, and Southern Seminary. At 26, he is a deacon and finance committee member at Broadway Church, Louisville. He is married to the former Diane Branscome, a home economics teacher and also a native Mississippian. He is the son of Mrs. E. W. Nichols, 4911 Old Canton Rd. Jackson and the late H. Branswell Allen of Grenada.

Deacon Fifty Years

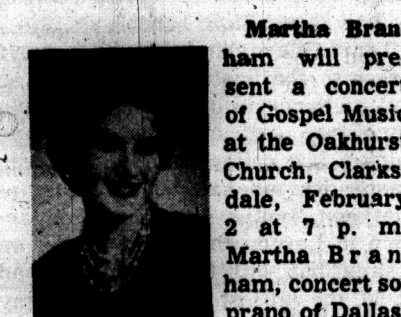
Erskine Hannah, 86, chairman of deacons for many years, was recently awarded a certificate from Sturgis Church in recognition of his service. A member of the church since age 12, he has been a deacon fifty years. Mrs. Hannah, pictured with her husband, has also been a faithful member and worker in the church. They have six children, with two preachers in the family — a son, Rev. Harry Hannah of Lacy, Washington, and a son-in-law, Rev. B. B. McGee of Ackerman.

First Church of Orange Grove recently ordained Richard Yates, Bruce Rogers, James Freeman, Bobby Padgett, and Donald Gregory as deacons. Those on program for the service included Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor; Rev. W. E. Storie, Jr., who gave the charge to the church; Rev. Don Savell, who gave the charge to the deacons; Rev. H. L. Fewell, who led the ordination prayer; Rev. Robbie Howard, who preached the ordination sermon; and Rev. Zeno Wells, who led the closing prayer.

Lloyd Mims has been ordained to the Gospel Ministry in music by his home church, West Bradenton Church, Bradenton, Florida. He and his wife, Marilyn, presented a concert in conjunction with the ordination. A reception was held afterward honoring Lloyd and Marilyn and their parents. Lloyd currently serves as minister of music and youth for the Collins Church, Collins, Mississippi, having completed his bachelor and Master's degrees at University of Southern Mississippi.



Martha Branham will present a concert of Gospel Music at the Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, February 2 at 7 p.m. Martha Branham, concert soprano of Dallas, has become one of the best known soloists in the Southern Baptist Convention. She holds a B. M. E. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University. She attended Southern Methodist University for graduate studies. Her professional experience includes that of being chosen soloist for the Southern Baptist Convention seven years in succession.

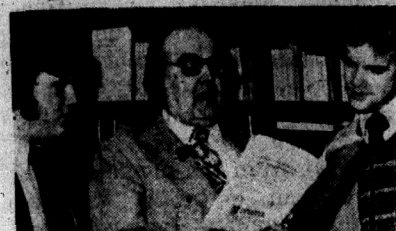


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NASHVILLE — Seven persons from Mississippi are writers for January-February-March quarter literature published by the Sunday School Board. Sue Landrum Rother, director of preschool children work, Calvary Church, Jackson, wrote for "Bible Learners Teacher;" Mrs. Carol P. Courtney, older preschool division director, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, "Guide C;" Mrs. B. J. Dean, Educational director, First Church, Ocean Springs, "Sunday School Youth B" and "Encounter;" Gerald Ross Pascal and Mrs. Lalla Sullivan Pascal, clinical psychologists, Pascal Clinic, Jackson, "Guide C;" Jerry M. Windsor, pastor, Seminary Church, Seminary, "Proclaim;" and Ryburn T. Standell, retired pastor, Terry, "The Adult Teacher."

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Batson, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 1635, 13100 Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Roeten, missionaries to Uruguay, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 481 Jacks Creek Circle, Henderson, Tenn. 38340). A Mississippian, he was born in Tupelo and grew up in Houka.



Two outstanding William Carey College music students, Chuck Endsley, left, and Fred Taylor, right, hear the good news from Dr. Donald Winters, Dean of the Carey School of Music, that they have been selected for the Clyde C. Bryan Music Scholarships given annually by the John D. Thomas family of Hattiesburg. Dr. Bryan, now a resident of Jackson, was formerly pastor for 16 years of the First Church, Hattiesburg. Endsley, organist at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, is a sophomore, Taylor a junior, is son of Knoxville Taylor of Richmond, Va., for many years minister of music at First Church, Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Edwards, recently appointed Baptist representatives to Mexico, have arrived on the field (address: Apartado 31-132, Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico). Before they were appointed in 1974, he was pastor of Calvary Church, Columbia, Miss.

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Church Training PASTOR-DIRECTOR CONFERENCES

Primary Purpose: To interpret the 1975-76 CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE promotion plan. Other purposes: To assist directors and pastors to understand their administrative and leadership functions as they relate to Church Training. To assist pastors and directors in planning for the enlargement and improvement of their church training program.

Monday, January 27, 1975

Association and Meeting Place	Conference Leader
ALCORN 7:30 p.m. North Corinth	John Cooper, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Tupelo
BOLIVAR 7:30 p.m. Yale Street	Marlan Seward, Minister of Education Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson
ITAWAMBA 7:30 p.m. Kirkville	Bill Davis, Minister of Education Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
JONES 7:30 p.m. Sandersville	Bob McKee, Minister of Education Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson
MARSHALL 7:30 p.m. First, Holly Springs	Bill Hardy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Columbus
MONTGOMERY 7:30 p.m. North Winona	Dale Oden, Minister of Education Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton
QUITMAN 7:30 p.m. West Marks	Bill Garrett, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Starkville
SUNFLOWER 7:30 p.m. Eastwood	David Roddy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Jackson
TIPPAH-BENTON 7:30 p.m. Springdale	Norman Rodgers, Director of Youth Work Mississippi Church Training Department
UNION COUNTY 7:30 p.m. Northside	Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work Mississippi Church Training Department

Tuesday, January 28, 1975

ATTALA 7:30 p.m. Associational Baptist Building	Ronald Mills, Minister of Education Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson
CARROLL 7:30 p.m. Malmalson	Dale Oden, Minister of Education Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton
HOLMES-LEFLORE 7:30 p.m. First, Tchula	David Roddy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Jackson
LAFAYETTE 7:30 p.m. First, Oxford	Bill Hardy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Columbus
MONROE 7:30 p.m. First, Aberdeen	Hugh Poole, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Macon and Associational Church Training Director
PONTIAC 7:30 p.m. West Jackson	Bob McKee, Minister of Education Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson
PRENTISS 7:30 p.m. Wheeler	Bill Davis, Minister of Education Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
RIVERSIDE 7:30 p.m. Riverside	B. C. McAttee, Pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Indiana and Associational Church Training Director
TATE 7:30 p.m. First, Coldwater	Bill Garrett, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Starkville
TISHOMINGO 7:30 p.m. New Prospect	John Cooper, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Tupelo
WASHINGTON 7:30 p.m. Southside, Greenville	Marlan Seward, Minister of Education Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson

Thursday, January 30, 1975

CALHOUN 7:00 p.m. Macedonia	Norman Rodgers, Director of Youth Work Mississippi Church Training Department
DESOTO 7:30 p.m. First Nesbitt	Bill Davis, Minister of Education Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
GRENADA-YALOBUSHA 7:30 p.m. First Coffeeville	Marlan Seward, Minister of Education Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson
JACKSON 7:30 p.m. Griffin Street, Moss Point	David Roddy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Jackson
LOWNDES 7:30 p.m. East End	Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work Mississippi Church Training Department
NOKUBEE 7:30 p.m. Calvary	Bill Hardy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Columbus
PANOLA 7:00 p.m. First Sardis	Bill Garrett, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Starkville
ZION 7:30 p.m. First Eupora	D. C. McAttee, Pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Indiana and Associational Church Training Director
LEE 7:30 p.m. West Jackson Street	Kenneth S. King, Director, Mississippi Church Training Department

Friday, January 31, 1975

CHOCTAW 7:30 p.m. First Ackerman	Kenneth S. King, Director, Mississippi Church Training Department
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"The goalposts are the Gates of heaven.

"God is the referee and sole official. He makes all the rules, and there is no appeal from them.

"There are ten rules. You know them as the Ten Commandments, and you play them strictly in accordance with your own religion.

"There is also an important ground rule. It is, 'As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.'

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Hospital Trustees Re-Elect Hederman As President

Jackson businessman Zach T. Hederman has been re-elected president of the board of trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital for calendar year 1975.

Re-elected with him were all the other officers, including Dr. W. W. Causey, Jackson, vice - president; Rev. James F. Yates, Yazoo City, secretary - treasurer; and J. W. Underwood, Jackson, chairman of the executive committee.

Elected to their first terms as board members were William Henry Harris, West Point; John M. Mobley, Jackson; and Dr. Joe McKeever, Columbus, while W. R. Newman, Jackson, was named to a second consecutive term and Paul G. Moak, Jackson was returned to the board.

Holdover board members include Ray Grillo, Crystal Springs; Henry Holman, Jr., Jackson; W. P. McMullan, Jr., Jackson; Rev. Vernon May, Louisville; James M. Spain, Jr., Jackson; and E. O. Spencer, Jackson.

Dr. G. Boyd Shaw was named president of the medical staff for 1975, succeeding Dr. James O. Manning. Dr. Ellis M. Moffitt is the new president-elect, and Dr. L. R. Hodges is secretary.

Sectional chiefs and assistants, respectively, include Dr. L. R. Hodges, and Dr. W. D. Godfrey for surgery; Dr. R. E. Tyson and Dr. L. H. Fulcher for medicine; Dr. R. H. Thompson and Dr. W. F. Sistrunk for pediatrics; Dr. Thomas E. Holden and Dr. Lewis D. Lipscomb for Ob-Gyn; Dr. Max L. Pharr and Dr. H. B.

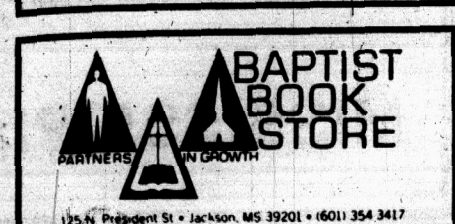
Woodbridge for family practice; and Dr. A. J. Santangelo for psychiatry.

Pilgrims' Holy Land Map Available

NEW YORK, N. Y. — An illustrated Pilgrims' Map of the Holy Land is being offered as a free service by the Israel Government Ministry of Tourism. The map has been specially printed for use during the Holy Year, 1975.

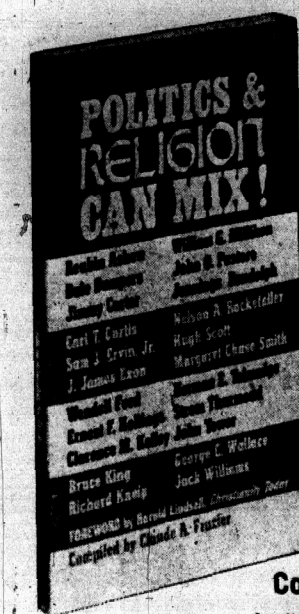
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God Works Through An Empowered People

Acts 2:22-41; Romans 1:14-17;
1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Ephesians 1:1 to 2:10
By William Falls

In the Old Testament we saw God select Abraham and his posterity as the channel for his message to the world. With this lesson we come to the last unit in our six-month study, and in its five lessons we will see how God sought men and women "Through the New People." By this time in the Bible account, nationality is overshadowed by faith and love, and the message of Jesus has changed both Jewish and Gentile lives. Together in



one fellowship called the church these believers were demonstrating a quality of life that appealed to people of various religious backgrounds. God has been working through his "new people" ever since.

The Lesson Explained PRAYING TO KNOW GOD'S PURPOSE (1:14-19)

Most of the new people to whom Paul wrote were not Jewish in background. He had answered a call to declare the good news to Gentiles and had found them most responsive. While he insisted that Gentiles could become Christians without becoming Jews, Paul never disowned the Jewish background of the Christian Way. In his letter to the "saints which are at Ephesus" he discussed in depth the meaning and life of the church, a

new kind of fellowship for both Jews and Gentiles.

In this passage he tells the Ephesians how he prayed for them, giving thanks for their faith and love. He yearned for God to give them the Spirit who alone can give insight and comprehension for understanding God. This is more than what they might gain by personal study; it is awareness and readiness with regard to God's purpose, which the eyes of the heart could perceive. The three things they needed to understand were (1) God's hope in his calling of them, (2) God's rich inheritance to be gained through those who believe in him, and (3) God's power which he shares with those he has called.

AFFIRMING GOD'S POWER IN CHRIST (1:20-23)

Paul truly emphasized power in these verses, using eight different Greek terms to describe God at work among men. His power that works in us, the called, was dramatically demonstrated when God raised Christ from the dead. But that was not all; God exalted the Galilean Teacher, the crucified One, to a place of highest honor. Besides, his is a position of authority and control over all kinds of government, whether visible or invisible. The concepts of verse 21 may refer to various good and bad forces in the unseen world. Christ's authority will extend from this age (better than "world") into the next.

With Christ over all things, it is easy to picture all things "under his feet" — the monarch raised above all his subjects. At that point Paul sharp-

ened his focus for the Ephesians and other believers. The cosmic Christ is also the head of the church. Jewish and Gentile believers in the church must yield to his rule as the head of the body. As they do that, the church becomes more and more the expression of Christ in the world as a demonstration and instrument of redemption.

ALL MEN DEAD IN THEIR SINS (2:1-3)

The "new people" have been given God's power, the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Now they are "empowered," but how different they once were! In this passage Paul reminds the Ephesians they were like dead people without Christ. Even as Christ had once been physically dead, so the Ephesians had been spiritually dead in their sins; they were satisfied with constantly missing the mark. "Walked" in verse 2 really means lived and "world" means age, spirit of the times. Their lives were then controlled by the ruler of demonic forces in the upper air — an idea of Paul's day. He still influences those who persist in rebellion against God.

Then in verse 3 Paul includes more than the Gentiles when he said: We all once lived like them "according to our natural desires." Thus self-centered, we deserved God's condemnation.

RAISED TO NEW LIFE BY GOD'S GRACE (2:4-7)

Instead, God, "rich in mercy," showed his love for us in spite of our spiritually dead condition. In raising Christ from death, God made it possible for us to be "quickened," made alive again with Christ. As Christ was raised to "heavenly places," Paul says believers have been given a similar exaltation. Since they were not then in heaven, the phrase "heavenly places" (used five times in this epistle) is not always clear. Here it can mean that the Christian has already been raised into the presence of God or "the sphere of the eternal."

One reason for God's raising believers from death to life was to demonstrate in the ages yet to come the unimaginable wealth of his grace.

interrupted by discord from within the city. The poor financial condition of most builders brought problems. The men could not work in the field and the loan sharks preyed upon the workers. The sons and daughters were being demanded, for lack of

Nehemiah tried to shame the offenders because they were not only making life miserable but endangering the security of the community. The appeal to fear God brought the offenders to promise not to exact any more in the future.

There were all kinds of problems to get the work delayed or stopped. A false prophet was employed to try and panic Nehemiah to lock himself in the temple because of a threat of assassination. This would have demoralized the workers. When he discovered the report was false, he prayed that God's judgment would fall upon his enemies.

The wall was completed in 52 days because of the urgency and haste. The people surrounding Jerusalem were amazed and attributed the accomplishment to the help of God. This was done despite opposition from without and misgivings from within. Two things guaranteed the building of the walls. The people were thoroughly organized and they had a mind to work. God's people can accomplish unbelievable feats under strenuous circumstances if they are dedicated to it. Formidable opposition was met with prayer, wisdom, and undivided allegiance.

Any task worth doing is worth doing well which includes, of course, finishing. In any project, like rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, one will meet all kinds of opposition. Therefore one needs a spirit that cannot be discouraged easily. One needs a vision of the finished work to inspire him as he meets opposition. Finally, one needs a commitment to God regardless of circumstances. Jesus did not promise us an easy road, but he promised to be with us "until the end."

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Sticking To The Task

Nehemiah 1:1-4; 2:1, 4-5, 17-18;
6:2-4, 15

By Bill Duncan

This is the fourth study in a unit on "People of Faith Finding Their Mission." In this study you see how that Nehemiah found and fulfilled his mission under circumstances that were not the best. This could only have been done because of commitment to God which is seen in courage, hard-work, and a stick-to-it spirit.

How many of us have had a great idea and attempted to make a beginning but never finished the project? What gives the person the desire to finish a job? Let us look at Nehemiah as an example of sticking to the task.

In the post-captivity era of the Jews in Judah there are three heroes of reconstruction. Zerubbabel rebuilt the temple. Ezra restored the law and ritual. Nehemiah, a statesman-prophet, restored good government and rebuilt the walls of the city of Jerusalem. During the days of Nehemiah, a revival swept the land.

When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem 70 years after the rededication of the temple, the city was still largely in ruins. The efforts to rebuild had been frustrated by the officials who were sent by the Persian government to keep a check on the Jews. The restoration of Jerusalem might have been a threat to peace, so Rehum and Shimshi thought.

When Nehemiah heard of the disturbances in Jerusalem he was distressed. His reaction to the report shows clearly his love for his homeland and the distress of what was happening. "He mourned for days." Now Nehemiah was wealthy and very influential in Persia, as a member of the king's cabinet. He was also a man who was tender and compassionate. This caused Nehemiah to turn to God in prayer for his people. It is interesting to note that he first prayed for forgiveness for his people and himself. He knew that God could not bless him over unconfessed sins. Then he reminded God of His promises to bring the scattered Jews back home. Now they had returned to the statutes of God and were expecting His blessing. The prayer of Nehemiah was strong and persistent. For four months he prayed to his God before the slightest signs of an answer came.

The answer to his prayers came when in 2:5 he asked the king to "send me to Judah that I might rebuild it." The prayer began for the people and after months Nehemiah saw the answer when he realized that God needed an instrument with which to perform the prayer. If a man prays earnestly and persistently unto God, he may find that God will use him to answer the prayer.

There is strength in prayer. In the days of the Revolutionary War the American soldiers led by George Washington were suffering at Valley Forge. They were in rags and without shoes. Often they left bloodstains in the snow as they walked barefoot to do their tasks. One bleak night a soldier heard a voice praying in the cold dark woods. He drew nearer and

recognized the voice of George Washington, praying for his men. Great men pray as they struggle against the things.

Nehemiah received permission to rebuild Jerusalem and its walls in spite of the fact that the king had recently forbidden it. The king had no reason to suspect the motives of Nehemiah since he was a trusted aid. Moreover, Nehemiah made his appeal with a personal and sentimental reason and without political implications.

Detailed arrangements were made to protect the project. Nehemiah's first term as governor of Judah was for 11 years (5:4). Letters were prepared to grant safe passage through districts. A military escort was provided. A special letter was addressed to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, to grant Nehemiah lumber for his building needs. Good preparation insured a successful ending.

Nehemiah was a threat to the local governors of the area. Sanballat sensed that Nehemiah had intentions of detaching this area from Samaritan control, so he reacted with hostile forces. Tobiah of Ammon saw Nehemiah's arrival as a threat to his power and influence.

Nehemiah was a good administrator. He did not wish to involve the local authorities in his plans until he himself had a clear idea of how to proceed. The Jews of Jerusalem were suffering from the inability to defend themselves and humiliation of suffering. So Nehemiah attempted to build enthusiasm to remove frustrations and to support the building operation.

One might have expected Nehemiah to respond to the neighbor's hostility with an explanation of the authority which the king granted him. But he did not wish to have any kind of relationship with the officials in the area. He forbade them any portion or right in Jerusalem. This worked to be a personal excommunication of the hostile people from the Jewish religious community.

By organization and assignment, the walls were reconstructed. There were 40 sections of unequal length and proportions. The Sheep Gate was the beginning and the ending. Each crew of builders was assigned to responsibility for building one or more of the sections. In spite of ridicule and threats the construction of the wall progressed steadily. "The people had a mind to work," and they continued against all odds.

When the wall was half of its intended height, the neighbors decided to attack the city. Nehemiah's response was to pray and set a guard. He did not believe that prayer was a substitute for a maximum effort on his own part, so he armed the people and hid them behind the wall in case of attack. He further sought to encourage them by reminding them of God's presence with them and their duty of God and their families. When the Jews resisted the hostile neighbors, they decreased their harassment, and the work went on. In order to encourage the people afterwards, a defensive system was set up with half the men working and half on guard. For the duration of the project all workmen were on 24 hour watch in case of attack.

The building of the wall was also



Five Get Doctoral Degrees In N. O.

Five Mississippians were among the nine New Orleans Seminary students awarded doctoral degrees in December. Chatting with acting president Ray P. Rust (right), who conferred 63 degrees and diplomas during the service, are (from left) Fred D. Fowler, pastor of Clark Venable Church, Decatur, D. Min.; Robert E. Self, pastor of First Church, Batesville, D. Min.; Eugene Harold Dobbs, pastor of McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, D. Min.; James Watkins Street, pastor of First Church, Wiggins, D. Min.; and A. Pat Nowell, pastor of First Church, Tunica, Tn. D. (Photo by Joe Glaze)

MC Seminary Extension To Offer Four Courses

Four courses will be offered during the spring semester of the Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center according to an announcement by Dr. Eugene I. Farr, director of the center.

Dr. Farr said courses will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and are open to any individual over 16 years of age. Qualified persons taking the classes may receive one semester hour of college credit, if they so apply.

Offered on Monday night will be Introduction to the Old Testament, a survey of the first ten books of the Old Testament. It will be taught by Dr. Farr.

Two courses will be taught on Tuesday nights. Dr. Howard E. Spell, emeritus professor and academic dean at the college, will be teaching an Introduction to the New Testament, a study of the life of Christ. Dr. E. R.

Pinson, professor emeritus of Bible, will teach Isaiah, a study of that book of the Bible.

Contemporary World Missions, a survey of Southern Baptist missions activities, will be available on Tuesday nights. Dr. Farr will be the teacher.

Classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. each night in assigned rooms on campus. Costs for the courses will range from \$16 to \$16.50 and include registration fees, cost of required textbooks, and tuition.

Pastors, ministerial students, Sunday School teachers, lay leaders and other church workers are invited to attend the classes on either an audit or credit basis.

Individuals may register by calling Dr. Farr at 924-6527 or writing to him at 203 W. Lakeview, Clinton, Ms., 39056.



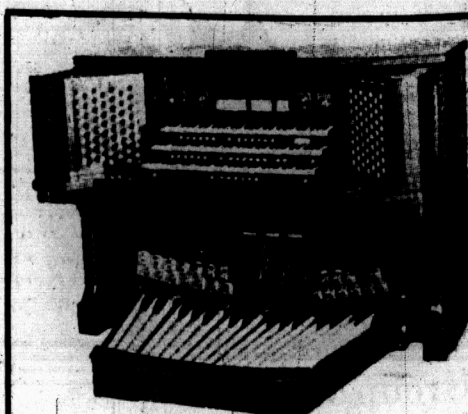
Retired Minister Named Outstanding Biloxian

Rev. William C. Wyatt has been named Biloxi's Outstanding Citizen for 1974. Rev. Wyatt is shown in the picture above receiving the award from Mayor Jerry O'Keefe (left) of Biloxi. Pictured in the center is Rev. James Roberts, Episcopal minister and President of the Biloxi Lions Club. Mr. Wyatt is the fourth minister to be named as the recipient of this award since the event was begun by the Biloxi Lions Club in 1931. Wyatt, age 83, was ordained in 1916. His five brothers all became

Baptist ministers. He has served churches in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. He organized the Baptist church in Norco, Louisiana, Big Ridge Church in North Biloxi and Highland Church in Bessemer, Alabama. He moved to Biloxi in 1940.

He is a member of the East Harrison Lions Club but was nominated for this award by the Biloxi Kiwanis Club. This club said it believes that Mr. Wyatt represents the contributions that can be made by retired persons. In addition to his work as a Lion, he has served in many facets of the work of Veterans Administration and the American Association of Retired Persons. He has served as a chaplain for the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and several other groups. In 1973 the Veterans Administration honored him for his 1700 hours of volunteer work. This includes visiting and leading in prayer with veterans on a regular basis.

Mr. Wyatt is a member of First Baptist Church of Biloxi where he is very active in all facets of the program. He has served four years as president of his Church, Training group, three years as president of his Sunday School class, and one year as Outreach Leader of his class. Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of the Biloxi church, states that Mr. Wyatt spends much of his time helping through hospital and shut-in visitation. He is a very active person for his age and does much good that goes unheralded.



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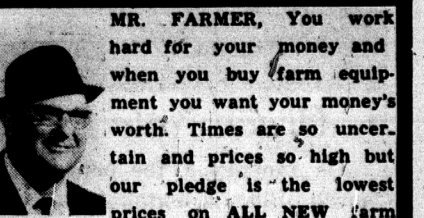
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Devotional

Giving Thanks For You

By Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary, Mississippi WMU
In his letter to the Christian congregation at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul bursts forth into a great expression of gratitude for these people whom he knew and loved.



"I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus," said Paul, "and cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers."

I understand how Paul felt as he stated these words, for as I've heard of the faith of Mississippi Baptist, I "cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers."

It is so inspiring to me to be aware of the great strides our convention has made in mission giving during the past few years. How well I remember when we Mississippi Baptists reached the half-million dollar mark in gifts to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In only ten years, working together, we have more than doubled this love gift, increasing this offering approximately 145 percent.

The Annie Armstrong Offering likewise has experienced spectacular growth during the past ten years, increasing approximately 300 percent.

Our State Mission offering has grown by almost 100 percent since 1965. When the increases in gifts to these three special mission offerings are coupled with the growing, expanding gifts to Christ through the Cooperative Program, then we here at the state headquarters truly have reason to "cease not to give thanks for you."

Recently I moved into a house which has a fireplace. I could hardly wait for cool weather to arrive so I could build a fire. Since I grew up in Atlanta I didn't really know all about the fine art of fire-building. I quickly realized there was much about fires I did not know. One of the first things I learned was to have the damper open when smoke is curling out of the fireplace!

As I've enjoyed sitting or lying in front of a crackling fire during the crisp days of late fall and early winter, I have observed that when I have several pieces of wood in the grate simultaneously, with each piece being close to the other, I have a much more effective fire than when I put just one log on to burn.

It seems to me that our gifts to missions are sort of like a delightful, warm fire—we touch hearts with half a million other Mississippi Baptists as we give to the special mission offerings and through the Cooperative Program. These united efforts are ever so much more effective than would be our isolated gifts to causes of our own choosing.

And so I begin a new calendar year, the year of emphasis on Stewardship and Missions, with an "all's right with the world" sort of feeling because of the liberality and generosity of Mississippi Baptists.

Historical Church

Records Presented

To MC Library

Three volumes of historical church records have been presented to Mississippi College by a McComb alumnus for preservation and use by historical researchers.

Linus Bridges, Jr., a Pike County educator who received both the bachelor of arts and master of education degrees from Mississippi College, has presented the college three volumes of records for Smyrna Baptist Church in Pike County. The records date back

to the Civil War era beginning in 1863.

In turning the records over to Dr. Ed McMillan, professor and head of the department of history and acting dean of the graduate school, Mr. Bridges indicated he wanted to be sure the records were preserved and made available to historical researchers.

The volumes will be placed in the Eelands Speed Library of the college for that purpose. The library houses the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention responsible for the preservation of historical church records and documents, and which will keep the Smyrna records.

6,000 Decisions Recorded During Rhodesia Crusade

FORT VICTORIA, Rhodesia — In three short weeks of simultaneous crusades 4,545 people professed faith in Christ and 1,730 rededications were made.

The numbers tell a big story, but the individual lives touched tell a bigger one.

One missionary wrote of a young mother who came forward making a decision for Christ, asking the preacher to visit her because she was possessed of an evil spirit caused by a stick she had been given by a relative. Two nights later she burned the stick, black cloth, beads and other tools of witchcraft, signify to all present her changed life.

Another missionary wrote of going to a place where people gathered to drink beer, asking them to come to the preaching point and hear a sermon. Several came and made professions of faith. Fourteen young boys also made professions of faith when the missionary and preacher went to the place they were dancing and asked if they would turn off the record player and give them just ten minutes to preach.

During an outdoor service, a man and his wife listened from a distance. As the preacher was leaving they called out to him that they wanted to be saved. They began immediately going from house to house witnessing.

Temple Heights Dedicates The "Gospel Train"

Temple Heights Church in Oxford recently dedicated a bus to the service of the Lord. This is the church's first bus.

In the dedication service, Pastor Jerry Patterson emphasized Luke

Clinton Seminary

Student Receives

Insurance Grant

Clyde E. Pullen of Clinton was one of 12 students at Southern Baptist seminaries to receive insurance scholarships granted by the Convention's Annuity Board in Dallas.

The awards include a year's protection with medical, life, and disability insurance, according to John Dudley, acting director of insurance services for the Board.

Premium payments are covered for medical insurance, \$10,000 of life insurance, and disability insurance worth \$200 a month, Dudley said.

Costs of the insurance scholarships are being paid from a memorial fund at the Annuity Board, which was set up by donors to encourage and assist ministers or those studying for the ministry.

Scholarship committees at five seminaries chose the students and recommended them to the Annuity Board to receive year-long insurance protection.



Pastor Jerry Patterson is shown leading several members of Temple Heights Church, Oxford in responsive reading during bus dedication service.

14:23, in his presentation of the purpose of a bus ministry.

The first donation to the bus fund was made by Robert Dent, guest speaker at a Brotherhood breakfast in August, 1973.

In April, 1974, the people of the church were asked to pledge a commitment of one dollar a week to underwrite the operating costs of a bus. Finally in August of 1974, a suitable bus was purchased.

After repair work, a paint job, and a contest to name the bus, the ministry went into operation in December.

Serving on the bus committee were: Bill Robbins, Chairman; James Duncan, Harry Hood, and Frank Lovelady. Benny Ray was elected as the driver. Mrs. Ella Ferguson was presented a gift for submitting the bus' name "The Gospel Train."

Temple Heights celebrated its 13th anniversary as a church on Jan. 12.

Capps Named To Post On Education Commission

NASHVILLE (BP) — George Capps Jr., pastor of First Church, Cookeville, Tenn., since 1961, has been named director of denominational relations for the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, effective Feb. 1.

Capps will be responsible for cooperative work between the commission and 18 other national agencies of the 12.3-million-member SBC, the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination.

The meetings, held by about 30 ministers from the United States for one-week lengths were part of a simultaneous evangelistic crusade. The attendance for the meetings totaled about 110,752.

Children's Home Executive Will Heed Grand Jury

CARMI, Ill. (BP) — An attorney for James E. Paynter, former business and development director of the Baptist Children's Home here, reportedly has notified authorities that Paynter will be available if a grand jury returns an indictment involving alleged misappropriation of more than \$100,000 from the home.

The Illinois Baptist, statewide newspaper of Southern Baptists in Illinois, said Paynter, who has been missing since Aug. 31, 1974, apparently returned to Carmi for one day, Friday, Dec. 20, before leaving for an undisclosed place where he is said to have employment.

State Attorney Albert W. McCallister, the Illinois Baptist said, has called a grand jury session for January 6, in the courthouse in Carmi, to hear evidence and consider an indictment.

Three Illinois Baptist leaders have been subpoenaed to appear at the hearing — James H. Smith, executive secretary for Illinois Baptists; Arthur E. Farmer, special ministries director; and Gordon Lantrip, resident director of the children's home.

Current reports of auditors, retained by Illinois Baptists to probe children's home records, show \$103,732.78 in funds missing from the home between January 1, 1972, and August 31, 1974, Smith told Baptist Press. He said the Illinois Baptist State Association has filed a claim for that amount with the U. S. Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Evansville, Ind., to recover the loss.

Auditors described the audit as "tentative" and as yet have not formally charged a specific person with the responsibility for the shortages. Earlier, Smith, in an open letter to Illinois Baptists, said, "Following legal counsel, we have brought no formal charges against Mr. Paynter at this time. This letter is not to be construed as an indictment of Mr. Paynter in any sense but is an informal sharing of information with our Baptist people."

Northcrest Layman

Dies At 56

Tom Limerick, popular 56-year-old layman, died recently following a lengthy illness. Mr. Limerick was chairman of deacons and also Sunday School director at Northcrest Church, Meridian at the time of his illness.



Organ Note Burning At Lowrey Memorial

On January 5, the note on the new Zimmer Organ in Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, was burned before the grateful congregation. The first pipe organ was installed by alumnae of Blue Mountain College in 1913, at the new \$22,000 Zimmer Organ was paid for by members of the historic church—local, college, and those now living elsewhere. Left to right are: D. H. Guyton, treasurer of the church; Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, organist of the church; Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor; and Dr. E. Harold Fisher, chairman of deacons.

Missionary Thanks God For Saving Sons' Lives

ACCRA, Ghana — Southern Baptist missionary James B. Annis saw the waves suddenly sweep his sons off their innertube and carry them out into the ocean. He had to decide which one to save.

Annis and his sons, Timmy and David, had been swimming. The wave that knocked them off the innertube swept them 100 yards apart.

"Only God knows the helpless feeling of a father watching his two sons drowning and having to make the decision of which one to help," Annis said.

"God led me first to David and I was able to pull him to safety. When I started for Timmy I was completely exhausted and could hardly keep my own head above water."

"At this time I turned it all over to Jesus and reminded Him that Timmy was His and had been since we dedicated him at birth, then two years ago Timmy made his own decision to repent of his sins and give himself to Jesus," Annis said. "For some reason I felt a wonderful peace."

Annis finally managed to get his head above water to see a large Ghanaian man had appeared with an innertube and was almost at Timmy's side. When they finally got back to dry land, they all fell on their knees there on the beach and thanked God for sparing their lives.

"We were able to thank and witness to the Ghanaian man," Annis said. "He is now enrolled in our Baptist Bible Way Correspondence School."

Revival Dates

Petal Harvey Church, Petal: January 24-26; Buddy Mathis: Crusade;

Buddy Mathis, evangelist from Mississippi College and Pascagoula, preaching; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor; services at 7 p.m., and at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Meditations On Outreach

By Mary Spikes, Calvary, Shubuta

A teacher asked the pupils to tell the meaning of loving kindness. A little boy jumped up and said, "Well, if I was hungry and some one gave me a piece of bread and butter, that would be kindness. But if they spread a little jam on it, that would be loving kindness."

I feel that we are going to have to do a lot of jam spreading, for it's going to take a lot of loving kindness to win lost people.

"If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land (II Chron. 7:14).

What a promise! But the great big word "IF" stands in our way here. Let's push it aside, for we must humble ourselves and pray if we are to be successful in our outreach program.

Study to show theyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Tim. 2:15).

People have to study and train to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, carpenters, painters, mechanics, or what have you. I feel that it is far more important to study and train for the biggest business on earth—God's business.

Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled (Luke 14:23). No, we can't make people come, but we can pray, study, and go.

We must first go and find the people, make friends of them, then love them until they can trust us; then we can present Christ to them and invite them to come to church.

Much preparation is needed. It isn't easy. Many times we may feel discouraged. Witnessing is the responsibility and privilege of every Christian. All we have to give Christ is Our Will. He owns every thing else.

What do you think would happen if each one of us would give God "Our Will"?

We must guard our actions and watch our testimony. When it comes to witnessing, one example is worth a thousand arguments.

Henry Van Dyke says there are two rules that should be written on every heart:

1. Never believe anything bad about anybody, unless you know positively it is true.

2. Never tell it even then, unless you feel it is absolutely necessary. God is listening to every work we say.

Wouldn't it be grand if we could keep these two rules?

Someone has said there are three types of people: the few who make things happen; the many who watch things happen; the big majority who have no idea what has happened. Let's be among the few that make things happen.

Our main job now is to reach lost people. The fruit of a Christian is another Christian.

Can't you just hear people say, "I don't have time. I don't know how."



Clarke Ministerial Group Elects Officers

Pictured are officers of the Ministerial Association, Clarke College, Newton, L. to R., back row, Moses Clark, Prattville, Alabama, treasurer and Thomas H. Titus, Gulfport, president; front row, Gary Strehlow, Long Beach, vice president; Lonnie Beall, Lumberton, benevolence chairman; Albert Wilkerson, Sardis, director of Mission activities; Paul E. Brown of Clarke College faculty, sponsor.

I just can't do it." Haven't you heard this? I have — I've even said it.

Paul told the early Christians to make the best possible use of their time. Since each one of us has the same amount of time the question is not how to get more time but how to make the best use of the time we have.

Most of those who are busiest in other fields of work, are also the most active in church work. Why? First, I believe the busy people are the ones who get things done. And then, I have a notion, they may feel the importance and need to win people to Christ and to church membership.

Charles Spurgeon is reported to have said, "He who converts a soul, draws water from a fountain, but he who trains a soul winner digs a well from which thousands may drink to eternal life."

Let's humble ourselves and pray, study, search, witness and go all out, for Christ.

FCC Chairman

To Keynote 1975

Abe Lincoln Awards

FORT WORTH (BP) — Richard E. Wiley of Washington, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, will keynote the sixth annual Abe Lincoln Awards, sponsored here by the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission, Feb. 13.

The Abe Lincoln Awards, which pay tribute to outstanding broadcasters from across the nation, will be filmed this year by the American Broadcasting Company and will air a week later on ABC's national network "Dimensions" program.

Charles H. Crutchfield, president of Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co., Charlotte, N. C., will receive the first Abe Lincoln Rainsplitter Award for his pioneer work "in breaking new ground in the industry... when it was in its infancy." It is one of 11 honors scheduled for outstanding broadcasters during awards ceremonies.

The top Abe Lincoln Award will be presented to an as yet unnamed broadcaster who has made a "paramount contribution" in radio or television.

"Having the Abe Lincoln Awards on ABC's national network," says Stevens, "is another step toward our goal of having the industry recognize the awards as equivalent to the movie industry's Oscar and television's Emmy."

Off The Record

Her husband thoughtfully bought his wife an electric blanket, because she was always complaining about cold sheets. She was a little reluctant to sleep under all that electric wiring, but he assured her it was safe, and in no time she was dozing off contentedly. What her husband did not know was that she had put a ham in the oven to bake all night at low heat. When he happened to awaken during the night he smelled something baking. Feverishly he reached over and shook his wife. "Darling," he cried, "are you all right?" — Capper's Weekly.

An inebriate boarded a twodeck bus and sat down near the driver. He talked and talked, until the driver tactfully suggested he go to the top deck and enjoy the fresh air. The drunk amiably clambered upstairs, but in a few minutes he was back, and resumed his talk.

"Didn't you like it upstairs?" interrupted the driver.

"Yes, nice view, an' all that," answered the drunk, "but it ain't safe—no driver!"

The doctor examined the patient thoroughly and asked, "Have you been living a normal life?"

"Yes, Doctor," the patient said.

"Well," said the doctor, "you'll have to cut it out for awhile."

Robinson Church

Calls Pastor

Robinson Church, Peoria, Mississippi has called Rev. J. Walter Jarrell as pastor.

A native of Collins, Georgia, Mr. Jarrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo W. Jarrell, and is a student at New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Linda Adams of Glenwood, Georgia, and they have two children, John and Sonja.

Prior to entering the seminary, he served as minister of youth and outreach at Smith Street Church in Vidalia, Georgia.

Mr. Jarrell was licensed to the ministry by Smith Street Church and ordained by Robinson Church.